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The DOLL MAN


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DUNCE
TWO PLUS TWO MAKES FOUR – BUT NOT OF COURSE! THE LAWS OF SCIENCE ARE FIXED AND IMMUTABLE! THEY NEVER FAIL!
BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PROFESSOR APPLIES SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO CRIME? CAN EVEN THE DOLL MAN, MIGHTY MASTER OF CRIME-BUSTING, DISPROVE THE VALIDITY OF A SCIENTIFIC FORMULA FOR FELONY?
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN – AS IT WILL BE – IN THIS STORY...
"Crime goes to College!"
HOW TO CLEAN A LUGER
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AT SWALE COLLEGE...
I'M SORRY, PROFESSOR WHITTLESEY! OUR STUDENTS DON'T RESPOND TO YOUR METHODS OF TEACHING!
SO I'M DISCHARGED!
I'M SORRY!
MORONS! A GREAT SCIENTIST IS NEVER APPRECIATED!
TOO BAD! PROFESSOR WHITTLESEY KNOWS HIS SCIENCE .. BUT HE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND HUMAN NATURE!
SLAM!
IN HIS ROOM, THE PROFESSOR PREPARES TO LEAVE...
STUDENTS DON'T RESPOND! HAH! THEY NEVER WISHED TO LEARN THE TRUE SCIENTIFIC METHOD!
SCIENCE IS THE KEY TO ALL KNOWLEDGE. MYSTERIES THAT BAFFLE MANKIND CAN ALL BE SOLVED SCIENTIFICALLY. I'VE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO PROVING THAT IS TRUE!
THE SANGUINITY OF THE HYDROGENEOUS PHENOMENON OR HOW TO SWIM
NOW I MUST FIND ANOTHER JOB! SOMETHING WHERE MY ABILITIES WILL BE APPRECIATED! HMMM! WHAT'S THIS?
EXTRA!
CROOKS ESCAPE WITH $50,000. 'BUNGLED JOB,' SAY POLICE!! PROMISE ARREST WITHIN WEEK!
YOR SAYS CRIME E MUST STOP!!
CRIME! WHY HAS NOBODY EVER THOUGHT OF APPLYING SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO CRIME?!!!


NEXT DAY...
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE JOINT! WONDER WHAT A PERFESSOR COULD WANT WID US!
HE SAID IT WOULD BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO SEE HIM!
MAYBE HE'S WISE TO SOME LAYOUT!
BETCHA HE'LL WANTA BIG CUT OF THE TAKE!
WANTIN' AN' GETTIN' IS HORSES OF DIFFERENT COLORS!
AH... GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
... AND SO, YOU SEE, BY APPLYING THE METHODS OF SCIENCE TO THE GIVEN CRIME PROBLEM, WE ARRIVE AT A DEFINITE EQUATION! I GUARANTEE ITS SUCCESS!
YOU'VE SURE FIGGERED IT OUT, PERFESSOR, BUT WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE?
I NEED MONEY FOR RESEARCH! YOU SUPPLY THE MONEY FROM LOOT YOU COLLECT BY USING MY CRIME BLUEPRINTS!
IT'S A DEAL!
LET'S HOPE THIS SCHEME OF YOURS WORKS, PERFESSOR!
IT CAN'T FAIL! I'VE FORESEEN EVERYTHING! DON'T FORGET MY SHARE OF THE SPOILS!

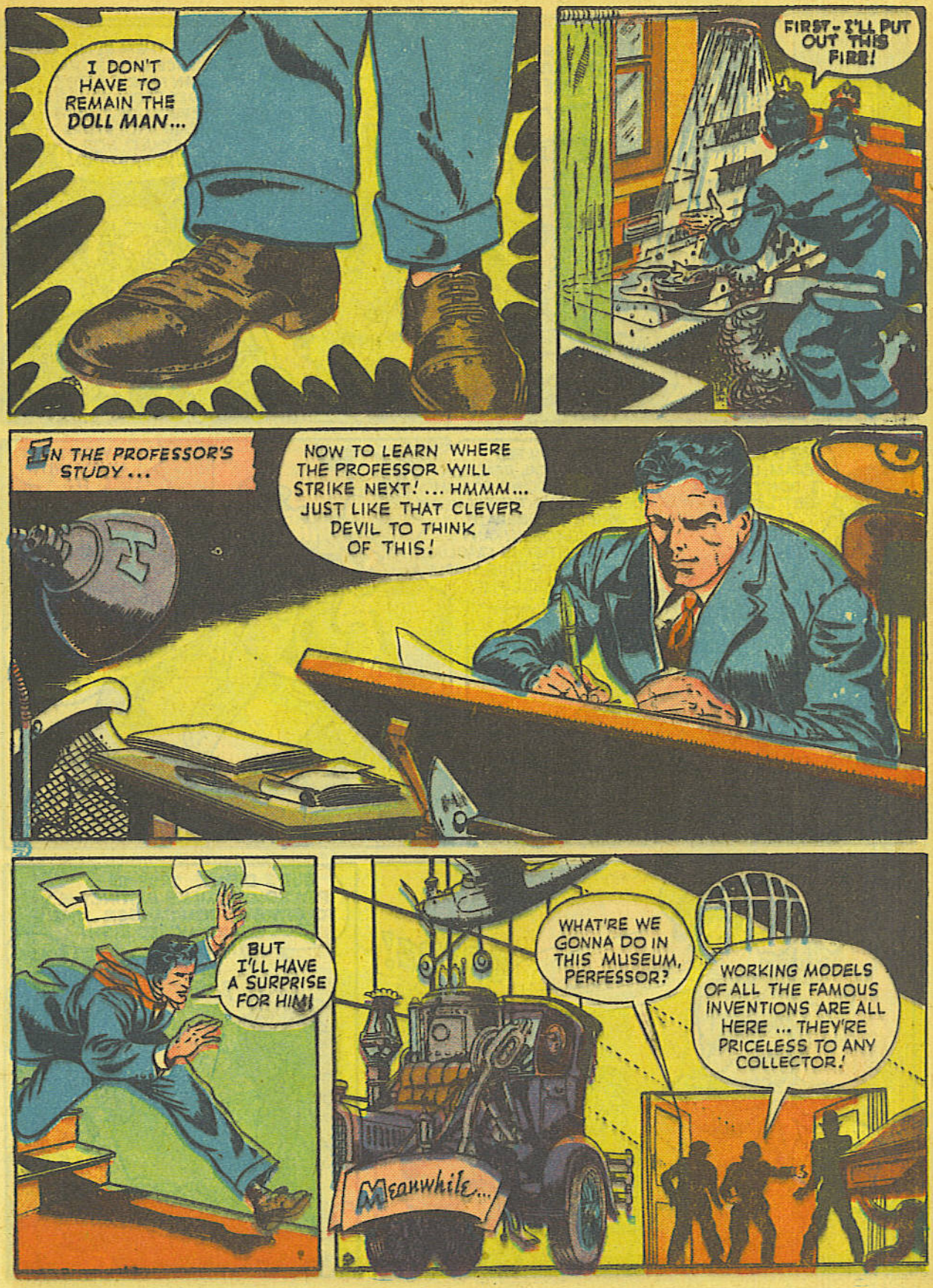

THAT SAME AFTERNOON...
THEM GAS PELLETS DISSOLVED IN THREE MINUTES, TWENTY-TWO SECONDS!
JUST LIKE THE PERFESSOR FIGGERED!
UGHHHH
STEP ON IT! THE PERFESSOR SAID WE GOT TWO MINUTES TO CLEAN UP THE DOUGH!
BOY! HE'S SURE GOT THINGS FIGGERED TO THE SECOND!
RRRRRRRRINNNNGGG!
THERE GOES THE ALARM!
THAT MEANS WE GOT FIFTY SECONDS TO GET BACK TO THE CAR!
GOLLY! THE PERFESSOR EVEN KNEW HOW LONG IT'D TAKE TO GET THAT ALARM GOING!
HERE COMES THE COP-- RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!
AND JUST TOO LATE TO STOP US!
HOW'D THE PERFESSOR KNOW HOW LONG IT'D TAKE THE COPS TO ARRIVE?
SOUND WAVES FROM THE ALARM TOOK JUST SO MUCH TIME TO REACH A COP-- HE TOOK JUST SO MUCH TIME TO RUN TO THE BANK-- THE PERFESSOR KNEW RIGHT WHERE THE COP WAS!
GEE!
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THE PERFESSOR KNOWS HIS SCIENCE OKAY--BUT HE DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT HUMAN NATURE!
SERVICE ENTRANCE
WHATCHA MEAN?
WE'LL KEEP MOST OF THE SWAG! HE'LL NEVER KNOW HE'S GYPPED!
BUT...
HEH! HE THINKS WE'RE PLAYIN' HONEST, HUH?
... STATISTICS PROVE THAT 99-½% OF ALL THIEVES TRY TO CHEAT! HOW ABOUT MY FAIR SHARE OF YOUR TAKE?
WHAT TH--?
OKAY... WE WON'T TRY TO CHEAT YOU AGAIN, PERFESSOR!
GOOD! --- OUR--ER-- PARTNERSHIP SHOULD BE PROFITABLE TO ALL OF US!
SAY... YOU GOT EPSTEIN'S BOOK ON RELATIVES?
BOOKS
YOU MEAN EINSTEIN'S "RELATIVITY"? I'LL GET IT FOR YOU!
?
CARE AND FEEDING OF GOATS
NEXT DAY... IN A BOOKSHOP WHERE DARREL DANE IS BROWSING!
"GATS" GROGAN AND "BRUISER" BELLOWS! I WONDER WHAT MADE THEM GO IN FOR HIGHER MATHEMATICS! ALL THEIR EDUCATION CAME FROM THE END OF A POLICEMAN'S NIGHTSTICK!
THIS INTERESTS ME! -- THINK I'LL TAG ALONG AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE UP TO!
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HERE'S DAT BOOK YOU WANTED, PERFESSOR!
AH, YES! I'LL HAVE TO CHECK ON THOSE CALCULATIONS!
THEORY OF RELATIVITY
ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, YOUR JOB TONIGHT HAS 97½% CHANCE OF SUCCESS!
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR US!
SO THAT'S THEIR GAME! BUT I KNOW SOMEBODY WHO CAN CHANGE THOSE PERCENTAGES AROUND!
DARREL DANE CONDENSES HIS NORMAL SIZE TO THAT OF THE DOLL MAN!
I HOPE I HAVEN'T OVERLOOKED ANYTHING!
YOU HAVE! JUST ONE LITTLE THING!
ME!
THE DOLL MAN!
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ATTACK, MEN! YOU'RE THREE AGAINST ONE -- IT'S MATHEMATICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO LOSE!
NOW IT'S ONLY TWO AGAINST ONE!
UGH!
THIS TRIANGLE WILL HELP ME DEMONSTRATE A THEOREM!
...ONE SOCK PLUS ONE GLASS-JAW-KNOCKOUT!
I'VE GOT HIM!
SMASH HIM!
THAT WAS A MISTAKE--
AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE -- OR CAN YOU?
OWTCH!


NOW... I'LL SUBTRACT YOU!
I THINK NOT!...
I'LL MERELY ADD THIS!
ODOFFF!
YOU KAYOED HIM!
A SIMPLE MATTER OF COMPUTING THE FORCE OF GRAVITY IN THE DESCENDING BLOW--PLUS THE ACCELERATION OF A CLEAN, SWIFT STROKE! ANOTHER TRIUMPH OF SCIENCE OVER MERE BRAWN!
MOMENTS LATER... THE DOLL MAN IS A PRISONER!
FIRE IS THE BEST DESTRUCTIVE AGENT KNOWN TO SCIENCE! IT WILL DESTROY YOU --AND THE EVIDENCE-- AT THE SAME TIME!
FAREWELL, DOLL MAN!
YOU LEARNED TOO LATE THAT NOTHING AVAILS AGAINST THE METHOD OF SCIENCE!
THE PROFESSOR LEFT ONE FACT OUT OF HIS CALCULATIONS!

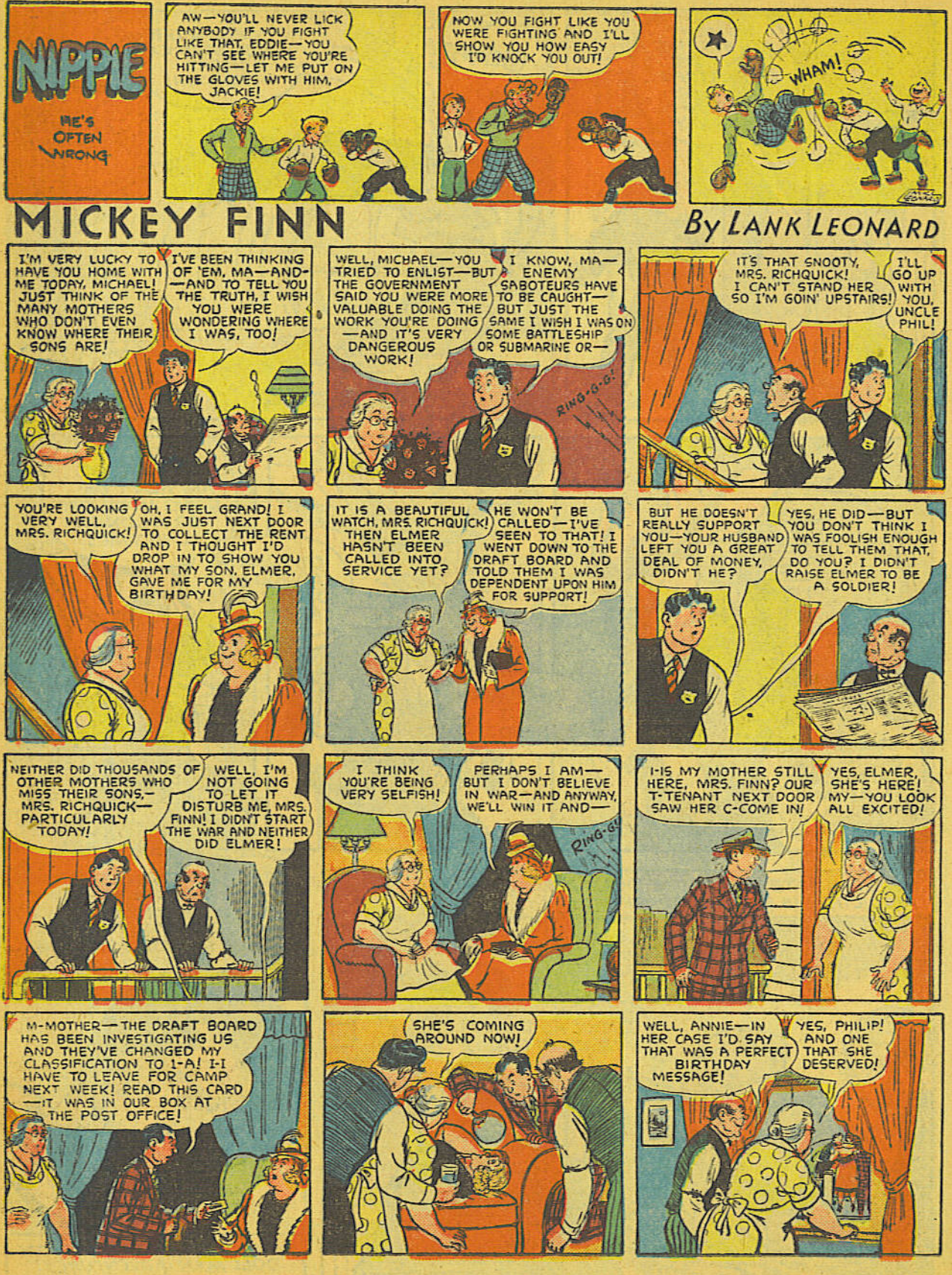

I DON'T HAVE TO REMAIN THE DOLL MAN...
FIRST - I'LL PUT OUT THIS FIRE!
IN THE PROFESSOR'S STUDY...
NOW TO LEARN WHERE THE PROFESSOR WILL STRIKE NEXT! ... HMMM... JUST LIKE THAT CLEVER DEVIL TO THINK OF THIS!
BUT I'LL HAVE A SURPRISE FOR HIM!
Meanwhile...
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO IN THIS MUSEUM, PERFESSOR?
WORKING MODELS OF ALL THE FAMOUS INVENTIONS ARE ALL HERE ... THEY'RE PRICELESS TO ANY COLLECTOR!

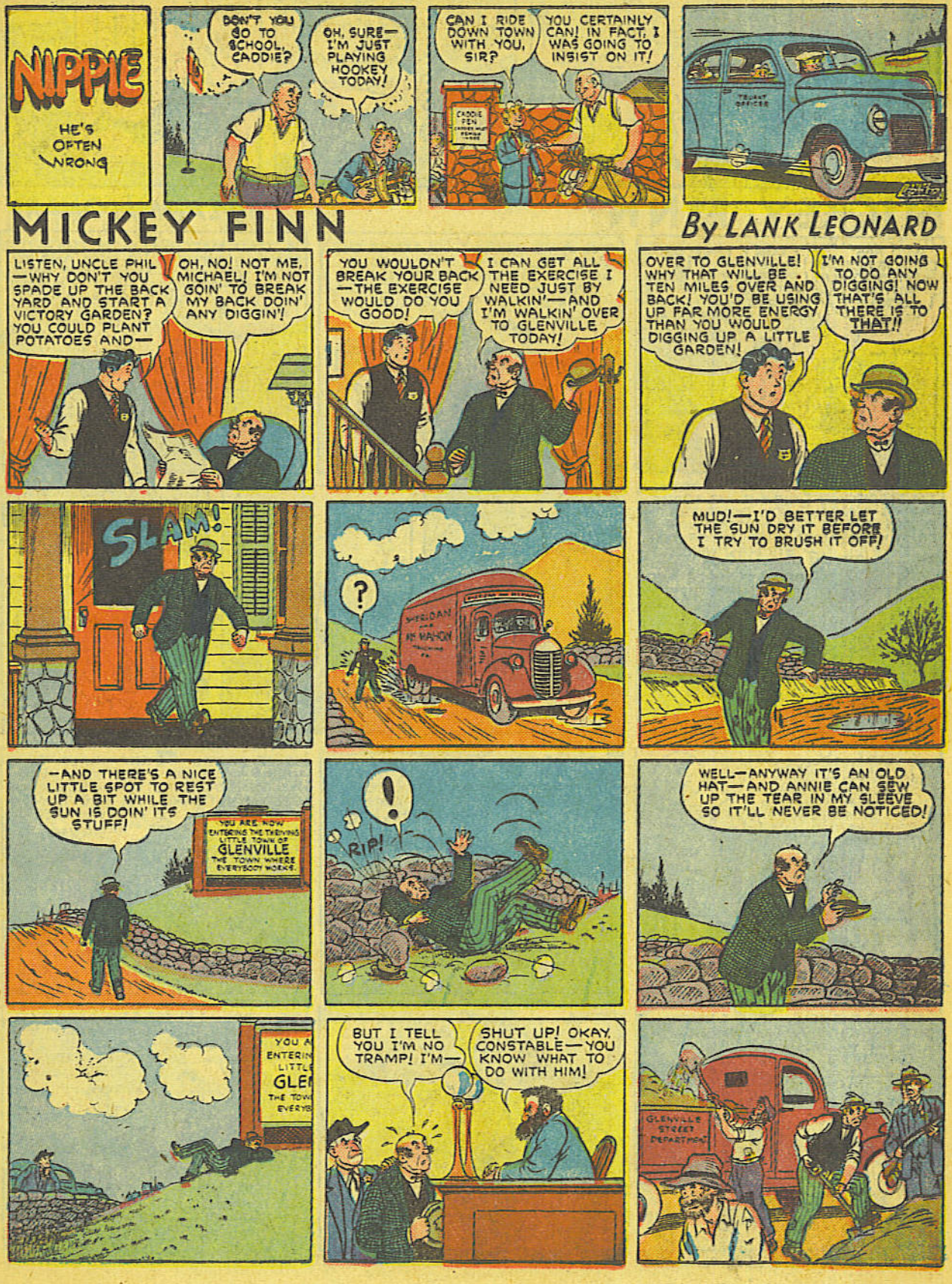

FIRST, WE'LL INDUCE OTHER GUESTS TO LEAVE ---
WHA --? YOU'RE SETTING THAT WATER ON FIRE!!
USE FOR FIRE ONLY
FIRE!
FIRE! FIRE!
SEE THEM RUN! SCIENCE SHOWS THAT HUMAN FEAR OF FIRE COMES FROM PRIMITIVE TERROR OF THINGS OUR ANCESTORS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND!
WE'D BETTER SCRAM, OURSELVES! I DON'T WANTA GET BOILED ALIVE HERE!
NO FEAR! -- YOU SEE ONLY A CHEMICAL REACTION INDUCED BY ADDING SODIUM -- DECOMPOSING THE ELEMENTS OF WATER TO LIBERATE THE HYDROGEN! ANY SCIENTIST IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS SIMPLE PRINCIPLE!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF DIS GUY!
CRANG!
@$%&*☆!! MISSED HIM!!
BUT I DIDN'T! TRUE TO PSYCHOLOGY, MAN'S INSTINCT IS TO RETREAT FROM DANGER ... THE FOOL GUARD MOVED RIGHT INTO MY PATH!
GOLLY!
GROW A VICTORY GARDEN!


AH! A MODEL OF THE MICROSCOPE--MADE BY LEEUWENHOEK--IT'S INVENTOR! WORTH A FORTUNE!
HMM! TIME FOR THE DOLL MAN!
STOP ACTING SO NERVOUS! -- I'VE ALLOWED PLENTY OF TIME TO FINISH THIS JOB!
SWIFTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, DARREL DANE BECOMES THE DYNAMIC DOLL MAN!!
COMING UP!
WHAT--!??
IN JUST A MINUTE, YOU'LL BE GOING DOWN!
IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! THE DOLL MAN'S DEAD!
I'M STILL ALIVE AND KICKING!
KLAK


THAT $!*#@!! DOLL MAN! GIVE IT TO HIM!
THAT'S ONE!...
NOW I'LL JUST ADD ONE...
THAT MAKES TWO!
YOU WON'T GET ME!
HEY! THAT MICROSCOPE'S WORTH MONEY!
TAKE A SQUINT AT ME THROUGH THIS!
YEOW! HE'S A MONSTER!!
THAT WAS JUST THE MICROSCOPE --YOU DOPE!


NOBODY CAN SAY THIS ISN'T THE SCIENTIFIC MOMENT FOR A GETAWAY!
OOPS!
NO WONDER THE WHEEL'S BEEN CALLED A GREAT INVENTION!
STILL GOING, EH? .. WELL, THIS MODEL AIRPLANE HAS A MOTOR! ..
WHAT MORE DO I NEED?
CRASH!
OWW!! HOW CAN YOU BE IN SO MANY PLACES AT ONCE?
I DO GET AROUND! BUT YOU WON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!
NOT LONG AFTERWARD, THE DOLL MAN'S PREDICTION IS PROVED CORRECT! ...
I SENTENCE EACH OF YOU TO NINETY-NINE YEARS IN PRISON!
GOSH! WE'RE LUCKY HE DIDN'T MAKE IT FOR LIFE!
SHUT UP, YOU DOPE!
THE PROFESSOR LEARNED THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY .. BUT HIS APPROACH WASN'T VERY SCIENTIFIC! ANYONE COULD HAVE TOLD HIM THAT!
WATCH THIS MAGAZINE FOR MORE DOLL MAN ADVENTURES!


NIPPIE
HE'S OFTEN WRONG
AW—YOU'LL NEVER LICK ANYBODY IF YOU FIGHT LIKE THAT, EDDIE—YOU CAN'T SEE WHERE YOU'RE HITTING—LET ME PUT ON THE GLOVES WITH HIM, JACKIE!
NOW YOU FIGHT LIKE YOU WERE FIGHTING AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW EASY I'D KNOCK YOU OUT!
WHAM!
MICKEY FINN
By LANK LEONARD
I'M VERY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU HOME WITH ME TODAY, MICHAEL! JUST THINK OF THE MANY MOTHERS WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEIR SONS ARE!
I'VE BEEN THINKING OF 'EM, MA—AND—AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WISH YOU WERE WONDERING WHERE I WAS, TOO!
WELL, MICHAEL—YOU TRIED TO ENLIST—BUT THE GOVERNMENT SAID YOU WERE MORE VALUABLE DOING THE WORK YOU'RE DOING—AND IT'S VERY DANGEROUS WORK!
I KNOW, MA—ENEMY SABOTEURS HAVE TO BE CAUGHT—BUT JUST THE SAME I WISH I WAS ON SOME BATTLESHIP OR SUBMARINE OR—
RING-G-G!
IT'S THAT SNOOTY, MRS. RICHQUICK! I CAN'T STAND HER SO I'M GOIN' UPSTAIRS!
I'LL GO UP WITH YOU, UNCLE PHIL!
YOU'RE LOOKING VERY WELL, MRS. RICHQUICK!
OH, I FEEL GRAND! I WAS JUST NEXT DOOR TO COLLECT THE RENT AND I THOUGHT I'D DROP IN TO SHOW YOU WHAT MY SON, ELMER, GAVE ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
IT IS A BEAUTIFUL WATCH, MRS. RICHQUICK! THEN ELMER HASN'T BEEN CALLED INTO SERVICE YET?
HE WON'T BE CALLED—I'VE SEEN TO THAT! I WENT DOWN TO THE DRAFT BOARD AND TOLD THEM I WAS DEPENDENT UPON HIM FOR SUPPORT!
BUT HE DOESN'T REALLY SUPPORT YOU—YOUR HUSBAND LEFT YOU A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY, DIDN'T HE?
YES, HE DID—BUT YOU DON'T THINK I WAS FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TELL THEM THAT, DO YOU? I DIDN'T RAISE ELMER TO BE A SOLDIER!
NEITHER DID THOUSANDS OF OTHER MOTHERS WHO MISS THEIR SONS,—MRS. RICHQUICK—PARTICULARLY TODAY!
WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT DISTURB ME, MRS. FINN! I DIDN'T START THE WAR AND NEITHER DID ELMER!
I THINK YOU'RE BEING VERY SELFISH!
PERHAPS I AM—BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN WAR—AND ANYWAY, WE'LL WIN IT AND—
PING-G!
I-IS MY MOTHER STILL HERE, MRS. FINN? OUR T-TENANT NEXT DOOR SAW HER C-COME IN!
YES, ELMER, SHE'S HERE! MY—YOU LOOK ALL EXCITED!
M-MOTHER—THE DRAFT BOARD HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING US AND THEY'VE CHANGED MY CLASSIFICATION TO 1-A! I-I HAVE TO LEAVE FOR CAMP NEXT WEEK! READ THIS CARD—IT WAS IN OUR BOX AT THE POST OFFICE!
SHE'S COMING AROUND NOW!
WELL, ANNIE—IN HER CASE I'D SAY THAT WAS A PERFECT BIRTHDAY MESSAGE!
YES, PHILIP! AND ONE THAT SHE DESERVED!

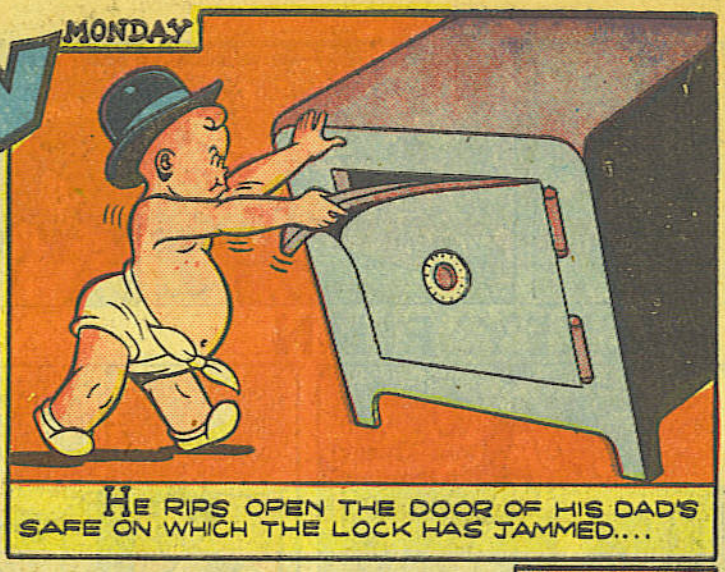

NIPPIE
HE'S OFTEN WRONG
DON'T YOU GO TO SCHOOL, CADDIE?
OH, SURE— I'M JUST PLAYING HOOKEY TODAY!
CAN I RIDE DOWN TOWN WITH YOU, SIR?
YOU CERTAINLY CAN! IN FACT, I WAS GOING TO INSIST ON IT!
MICKEY FINN
By LANK LEONARD
LISTEN, UNCLE PHIL —WHY DON'T YOU SPADE UP THE BACK YARD AND START A VICTORY GARDEN? YOU COULD PLANT POTATOES AND—
OH, NO! NOT ME, MICHAEL! I'M NOT GOIN' TO BREAK MY BACK DOIN' ANY DIGGIN'!
YOU WOULDN'T BREAK YOUR BACK —THE EXERCISE WOULD DO YOU GOOD!
I CAN GET ALL THE EXERCISE I NEED JUST BY WALKIN'— AND I'M WALKIN' OVER TO GLENVILLE TODAY!
OVER TO GLENVILLE! WHY THAT WILL BE TEN MILES OVER AND BACK! YOU'D BE USING UP FAR MORE ENERGY THAN YOU WOULD DIGGING UP A LITTLE GARDEN!
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANY DIGGING! NOW THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO THAT!!
SLAM!
?
MUD!—I'D BETTER LET THE SUN DRY IT BEFORE I TRY TO BRUSH IT OFF!
—AND THERE'S A NICE LITTLE SPOT TO REST UP A BIT WHILE THE SUN IS DOIN' ITS STUFF!
YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE THRIVING LITTLE TOWN OF GLENVILLE THE TOWN WHERE EVERYBODY WORKS.
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RIP!
WELL—ANYWAY IT'S AN OLD HAT—AND ANNIE CAN SEW UP THE TEAR IN MY SLEEVE SO IT'LL NEVER BE NOTICED!
BUT I TELL YOU I'M NO TRAMP! I'M—
SHUT UP! OKAY, CONSTABLE—YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM!
GLENVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT

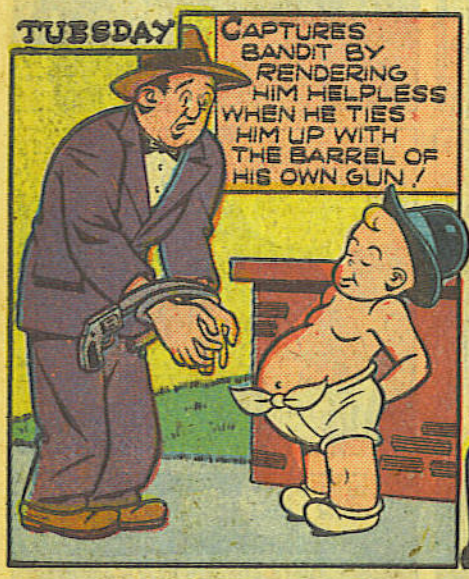

NIPPIE
HE'S OFTEN WRONG
LOOK, NIPPIE—HERE COMES MELISSA WITH HER NEW DOG!
OH YEAH—WATCH ME GET HER GOAT!
Remember TO DO YOUR BIT FOR THE ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF!
AW—THAT DOG IS JUST A MUTT—HE'D BE SCARED TO BITE A FLEA—GRRRR!
OH YEAH?
MICKEY FINN
By LANK LEONARD
WHO WAS CHARLIE McADAM INVITED TO PLAY WITH US, MICHAEL?
I DON'T KNOW, UNCLE PHIL—BUT IT'LL PROBABLY BE SOME PRO OR ONE OF THE LEADING AMATEURS—CHARLIE KNOWS 'EM ALL!
THIS IS MR. TRAVIS, UNCLE PHIL—HE'S VISITING CHARLIE OVER THE WEEK-END!
MR. TRAVIS, EH? WELL, THIS IS CERTAINLY AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE!
A TEAM MATCH FOR FIVE BUCKS IS OKAY WITH ME, McADAM—PROVIDED MR. TRAVIS IS MY PARTNER!
OKAY, PHIL—IT'S A BET! AND TO MAKE SURE YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE, MICKEY AND I WILL GIVE YOU TEN SHOTS!
I'M AFRAID YOU THINK I PLAY BETTER THAN I DO, PHIL—REALLY, I—
TUT, TUT, MR. TRAVIS—NOW DON'T TRY TO BE MODEST! WITH A HANDICAP OF TEN STROKES, WE'LL MURDER 'EM! JUST STEP UP THERE AND DO YOUR STUFF!
PLUG!
?
!
FUN IS FUN, MR. TRAVIS—BUT NO MORE CLOWNING, PLEASE! REMEMBER, WE'RE PLAYING FOR FIVE BUCKS!
I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN, PHIL!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? AIN'T YOU WALTER TRAVIS, THE FORMER NATIONAL CHAMPION?
WHY WALTER TRAVIS HAS BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS, PHIL! I'M BOB TRAVIS—A NEWSPAPER MAN!
THERE'S THE HOLE, MISTER! YOU'RE AIMIN' IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!
I KNOW WHERE I'M AIMIN'!
FORE!
CLUNK
WELL, PHIL—I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO CALL THE BET OFF!
I'M AFRAID SO, CHARLIE—BUT ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN!


NIPPIE
HE'S OFTEN WRONG
GEE, NIPPIE—LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT DOG!
YEAH—HE BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO JUST MOVED NEXT DOOR TO US—HE'S MY PAL, ALREADY!
GOSH, DON'T CALL HIM OVER HERE!
AW—HE'S AS GENTLE AS A LAMB—WATCH! HERE DUKE!—HERE DUKE!
MICKEY FINN
By LANK LEONARD
SO THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS ASSIGNED YOU TO A NEW POST FOR THE BLACKOUT DRILL TONIGHT, EH, UNCLE PHIL?
YES, MICHAEL—I'M GONNA BE UP WITH THE ELITE ON KING STREET!
WELL, YOU WANT TO BE CAREFUL—SOME OF THOSE BIG ESTATES ARE GUARDED BY VICIOUS DOGS!
HUH! THERE'S NOT A DOG ALIVE THAT COULD STOP ME FROM DOIN' MY DUTY, MICHAEL! AND YOU CAN DEPEND ON THAT!
H-HALT! W-WHO GOES THERE?
I'M MISS VAN RYPER THE AIR WARDEN ON THIS POST—W-WHO ARE YOU?
I'M MR. PHILIP FINN, AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER—AND I'M HERE TO ASSIST YOU IN CASE OF ANY TROUBLE!
I'M VERY GLAD TO MEET YOU—BUT I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE ANY TROUBLE
WELL, YOU NEVER CAN TELL! BUT YOU CAN RELAX NOW THAT I'M WITH YOU—I'M NOT AFRAID OF MAN OR BEAST!
REALLY? DID YOUR COURAGE COME NATURALLY OR DID YOU DEVELOP IT?
I INHERITED IT FROM MY FATHER—I REMEMBER ONE TIME WHEN WE WERE HUNTING LIONS IN—
OH! LOOK! THERE'S A LIGHT SHOWING IN THE BIG HOUSE ON THE WARD ESTATE!
BUT I'M NOT AFRAID TO GO IN AND TELL THEM—I KNOW THE GROUNDS—THEY ARE FRIENDS OF MY FAMILY!
NO, NO, MISS VAN RYPER—IT'S TOO DARK FOR YOU TO GO IN THERE! I'LL GO—THIS IS A JOB FOR A MAN!
AWK!
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!
?
THE BLACKOUT IS OVER, MR. FINN!
IT WAS A GREAT DANE! A MONSTER! AS BIG AS A HORSE! HE JUMPED OUT AT ME FROM BEHIND A BUSH—WITH FOAM DRIPPIN' FROM HIS MOUTH—AND—
I'M AFRAID YOU WERE UNDULY ALARMED, MR. FINN—THE DOG IS REALLY HARMLESS! —YOU'LL SEE!
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POISON IVY

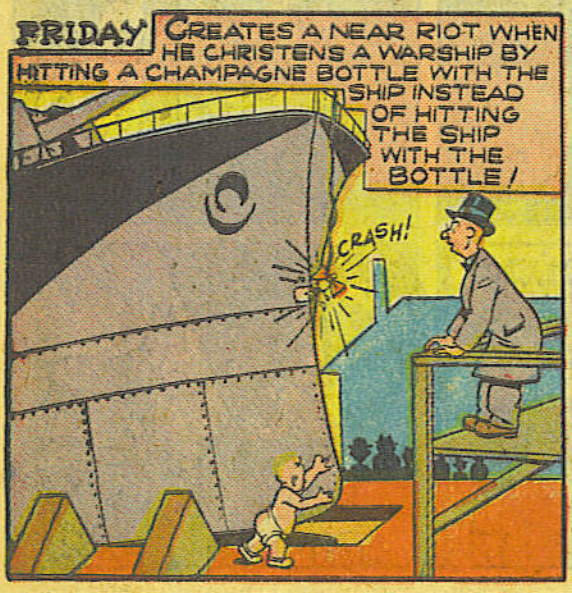
FOR THE SAKE OF NOVELTY LET'S GO THRU A ROUTINE WEEK IN THE LIFE OF POISON IVY, THE MOST POWERFUL HUMAN ON EARTH!



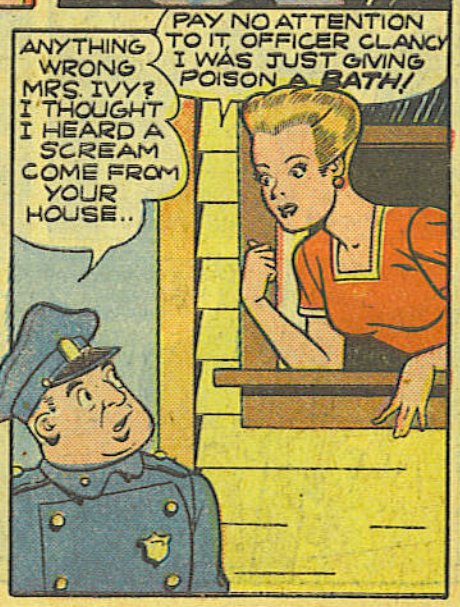












THE SPIDER WIDOW

JUNGLES OF SOUTH AMERICA!... WHAT DO WE CIVILIZED PEOPLE KNOW OF THE FANTASTIC RITUALS WHICH ARE STILL LOCKED IN THIS DARK, FORBIDDING CONTINENT?!? RITUALS AND MEDIEVAL CEREMONIES WHICH TAKE A MAN'S MIND AND LEAVE HIM WITHOUT A SOUL!! CAN THE UNHOLY CONCOCTION OF WILD MEDICINE MEN INFILTRATE A MODERN COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES?... TODAY, IN THE 20th CENTURY?

DIANNE GRAYTON, WHO IS REALLY THE SPIDER WIDOW, SETS OUT TO FIND THE ANSWER -- WITH HER HEAD AS A FORFEIT!!



DIANNE GRAYTON ATTENDS A BRIDGE PARTY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RED CROSS...



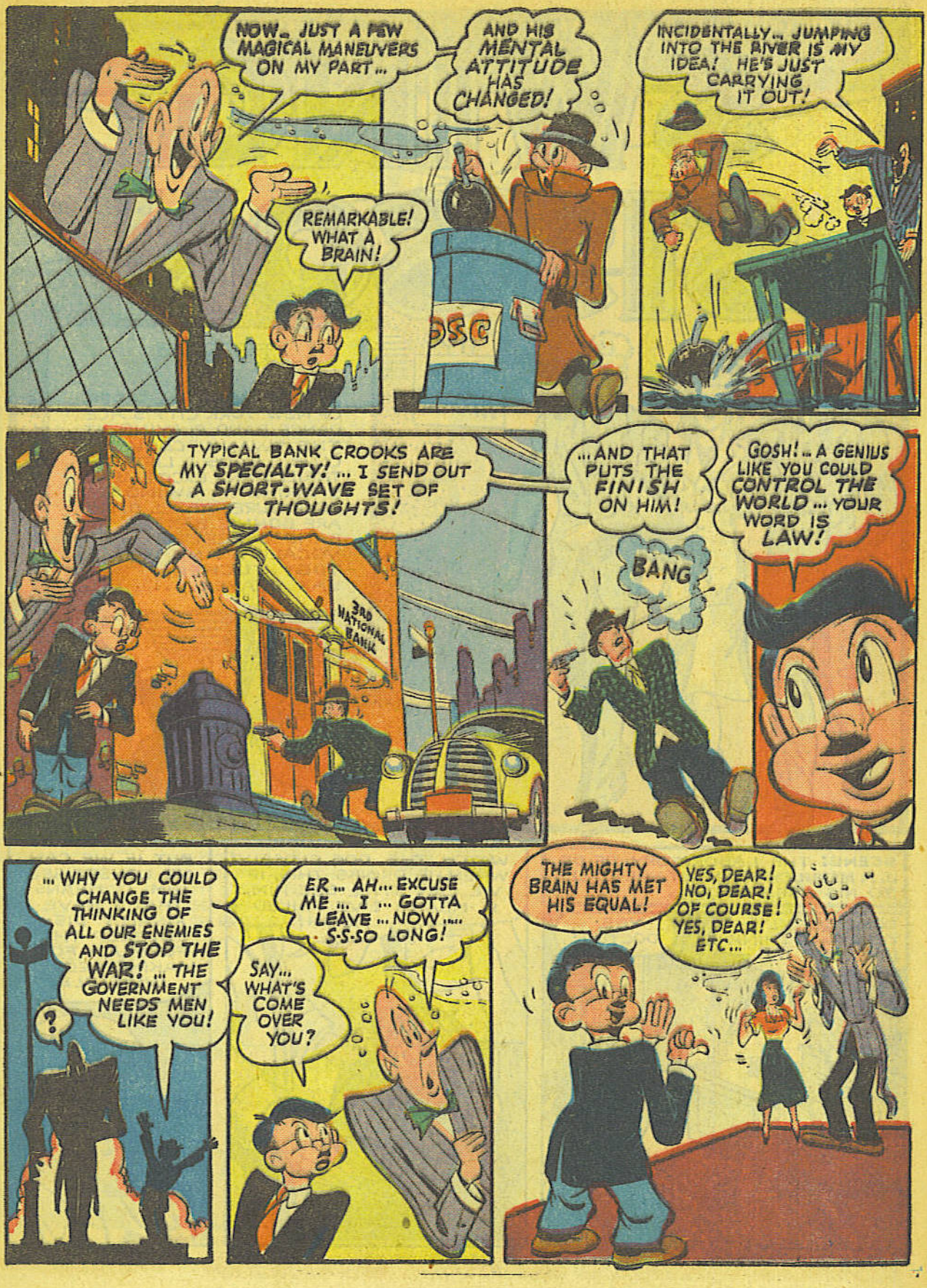

WHAT IS IT, ALICE?-- YOU LOOK SO --SO...
I'M AT MY WITS' END --I DON'T KNOW WHAT...
COME HOME NOW! THE MOON WILL SOON BE UP!!
YES, EMORY, DEAR -- WE'LL GO HOME, NOW! -- GOODBYE, DIANNE-- GOODBYE!
THAT GIRL WAS FRIGHTENED -- TERRIBLY! SHE WAS ABOUT TO TELL ME SOMETHING IMPORTANT! -- HMM... THE SPIDER WIDOW OUGHT TO GET THE REST OF THE STORY!--
--SEEMS TO ME THAT ALICE ALWAYS STOPS AT THE HOTEL MONTCLAIR -- STRANGE, THE WAY SHE SAID GOODBYE --AS IF SHE MIGHT NEVER SEE ME AGAIN! ---
A SHORT TIME LATER... AT THE HOTEL MONTCLAIR...
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYONE HOME -- THAT'S STRANGE! ALICE AND EMORY LEFT LONG BEFORE I DID!
THAT'S AN UNUSUAL LOOKING TRUNK -- I WONDER WHAT'S IN IT??
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INSIDE THE TRUNK -- A BUNCH OF SHRUNKEN NATIVE HEADS!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY DOING WITH THOSE HEADS? THIS IS BEGINNING TO GET INTERESTING!!
GOOD HEAVENS! ...ALICE!!
GET UP, ALICE!! ALICE!!! HMM! SHE'S BEEN HYPNOTIZED OR SOMETHING! -- THERE'S A PECULIAR ODOR IN THIS ROOM!
-- MAYBE THIS WILL REVIVE HER --
WH--WHERE AM--? --THE SPIDER WIDOW! HOW DID YOU ---?
NEVER MIND THAT! YOU WERE LYING UNDER THAT SWORD -- IT MAY FALL ANY MINUTE! --YOU'RE IN TROUBLE --TELL ME! PERHAPS I CAN HELP!
I'M GOING MAD! YOU MUST HELP ME! --IN SOUTH AMERICA, MY HUSBAND WAS CAPTURED BY HEADHUNTERS! THOSE FIENDS DID SOMETHING TO HIM!
YES --HEADHUNTERS HAVE A FORMULA WHICH CAN DESTROY A MAN'S BRAIN CELLS!
..."I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT THEY DID -- BUT ONCE HE SAID THEY KEPT HIM UNDER A BRIGHT MOON AND FORCED HIM TO DRINK A VILE LIQUID ..."
WHITE DEVIL DRINK MAGIC OF MEDICINE MAN -- HE BELONG TO OUR TRIBE NOW!
FULL MOON MAKE HIM FIND HEADS FOR US -- MANY HEADS!

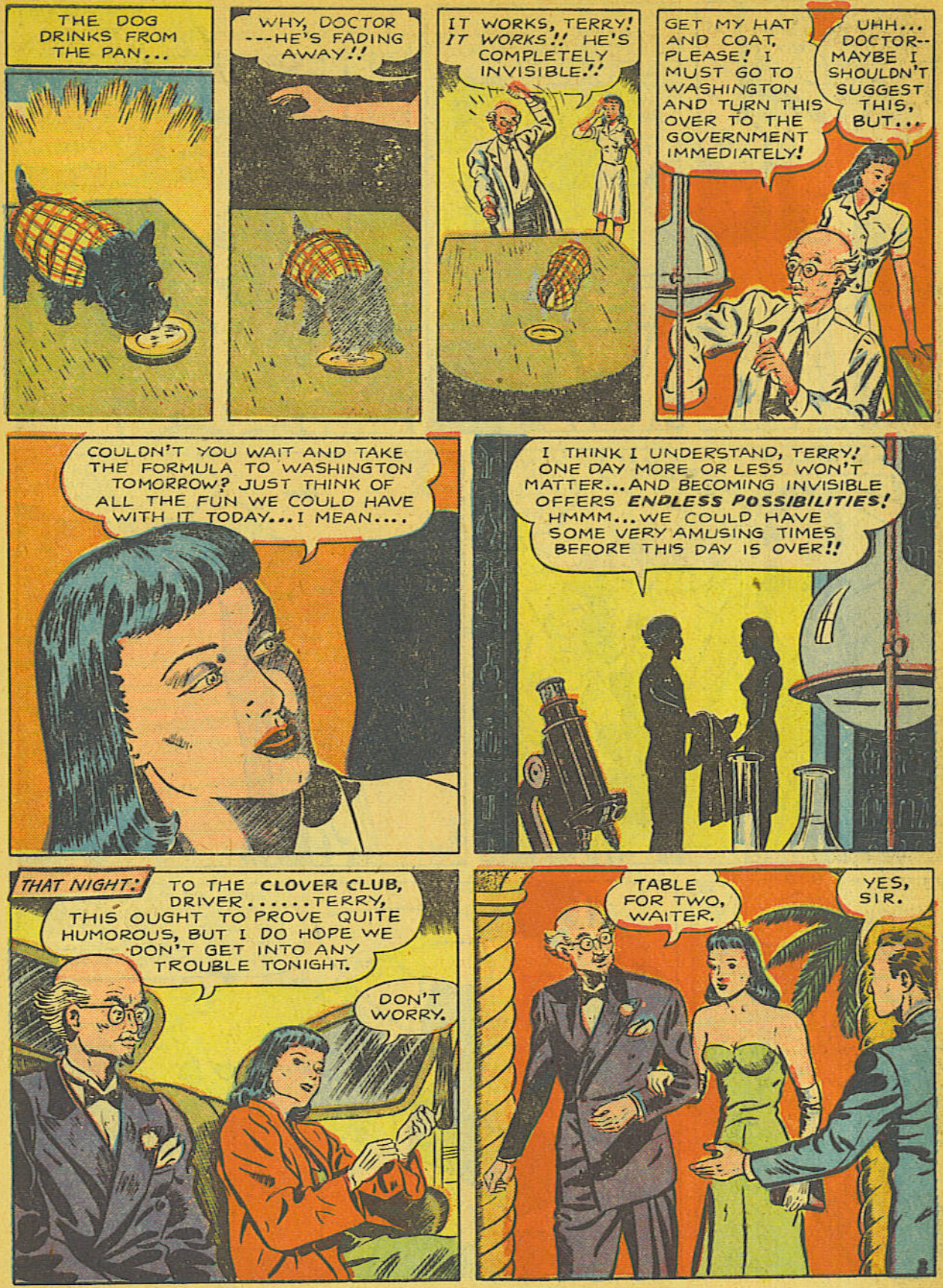

"I THINK THE LIQUID MUST HAVE TAKEN EFFECT, BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE..."
AHLO JOBBO MAO-MAO--
AHLO JOBBO MA-O -- MA-O MA-O!
EMORY BEGAN TO COLLECT HEADS -- HE DIDN'T SEEM TO RECOGNIZE ANYBODY -- NOT EVEN ME, SOMETIMES --- THERE'S A TERRIBLE SMELLING LIQUID HE KEEPS IN THAT TRUNK OUTSIDE... JUST BEFORE YOU CAME IN, HE HUNG THAT SCIMITAR OVER MY HEAD, AND FORCED ME TO DRINK SOME OF THAT -- UGH -- STUFF! -- THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER UNTIL YOU WOKE ME!
HE'S WORSE THAN EVER WHEN THE FULL MOON APPEARS?
THE MOON, YES --- THE BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL MOON!!
WHEN DID---
AH, HA -- WE HAVE COMPANY -- AND YOU'RE TELLING HER MY SECRETS! DID SHE WAKEN MY BEAUTIFUL ALICE FROM SLUMBER? TCH-TCH -- TSK!
THE SPIDER WIDOW!... AND MY MOON SHINES ON HER HEAD!
I WON'T HARM YOU! PLEASE PUT THAT HEAD DOWN!
WHAT A PRIZE! THE SPIDER WIDOW'S HEAD TO ADD TO MY COLLECTION! MY MOON HAS SHOWN THE WAY!
THAT HEAD! I MUST HAVE YOUR HEAD!
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU! --BUT I NEED IT, TOO!
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YOU SEE -- IT'S THE ONLY HEAD I HAVE!
Suddenly... THE MANIAC NOTICES HIS TERRIFIED WIFE! ...
YOU'LL GIVE ME YOUR HEAD, WON'T YOU, DEAR ALICE?
NO! NO!-- HELP! SPIDER WIDOW!-- PLEASE!
WHOA, BLUEBEARD!
OOF!
BUT ... THE SPIDER WOMAN'S FALL TEMPORARILY STUNS HER!
THE DEMENTED MAN TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HIS OPPORTUNITY! -- IS THIS THE END OF THE SPIDER WIDOW?
SUDDENLY, A SHAFT OF MOONLIGHT STRIKES EMORY'S HEAD -- AND...
THE MOON, THE BEAUTIFUL MOON! IT'S CALLING TO ME! --
THE SPIDER WIDOW IS QUICK TO ATTACK!
THE MOON MAY BE CALLING YOU, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HEAR IT MUCH LONGER!
EEEEAAAHHHH
EMORY -- MY POOR EMORY! HE'S DEAD -- DEAD!
THERE -- THERE! HE WAS A WALKING DEAD MAN! -- NOT YOUR EMORY! HE'S BETTER OFF -- AND SO IS THE WORLD!
BE SURE TO READ FEATURE COMICS!! -- EVERY MONTH!


INFERIOR MAN
TH' SAME OLD TITLE!... EVERY TIME I GET OUT ON THIS PAGE!
BY AL STAHL
INFERIOR MAN
YUP! THERE IT IS! "INFERIOR MAN!"... PEOPLE CAN'T THINK MUCH OF ME AFTER READING THAT!
...AND IT'S BAD FOR MY MENTAL ATTITUDE!
THEN...
POW
PARDON ME BUT I HEARD MY NAME MENTIONED! ...I'M YOUR MENTAL ATTITUDE
Y-Y-YOU?
SURE! I DO THE THINKING FOR EVERY-BODY!
AW... G'WAN!
TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS UNPATRIOTIC CITIZEN! HE'S HEADING FOR A MUNITIONS PLANT WITH THAT TIME BOMB!
BUY BONDS
SO WHAT?
GOLLY!... YOU WERE RIGHT!!... YA GOT SOMETHING THERE!
NOW WATCH HIM PLANT IT IN AN ASH CAN!
DSC


NOW... JUST A FEW MAGICAL MANEUVERS ON MY PART...
AND HIS MENTAL ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED!
REMARKABLE! WHAT A BRAIN!
OSC
INCIDENTALLY... JUMPING INTO THE RIVER IS MY IDEA! HE'S JUST CARRYING IT OUT!
TYPICAL BANK CROOKS ARE MY SPECIALTY! ... I SEND OUT A SHORT-WAVE SET OF THOUGHTS!
3RD NATIONAL BANK
...AND THAT PUTS THE FINISH ON HIM!
BANG
GOSH!... A GENIUS LIKE YOU COULD CONTROL THE WORLD... YOUR WORD IS LAW!
...WHY YOU COULD CHANGE THE THINKING OF ALL OUR ENEMIES AND STOP THE WAR! ... THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS MEN LIKE YOU!
?
ER... AH... EXCUSE ME... I ... GOTTA LEAVE... NOW.... S-S-SO LONG!
SAY... WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?
THE MIGHTY BRAIN HAS MET HIS EQUAL!
YES, DEAR! NO, DEAR! OF COURSE! YES, DEAR! ETC...


• GLEN MILLER • TOMMY DORSEY • KAY KYSER • BENNY GOODMAN • RAY NOBLE • HOWARD DIZ
SWING SISSON
BY PHIL MARTIN
FOREWARD
SWING SISSON, LEADER OF NEW YORK CITY'S ACE DANCE BAND PLAYING AT THE SWANK CLOVER CLUB, LEADS A LIFE OF THRILLS AND EXCITEMENT, SHARING IN SWING'S ADVENTURES AT ALL TIMES ARE BONNIE BAXTER, THE BAND'S PRETTY VOCALIST, AND TOBY TUCKER, SAX PLAYER....
SCENE: THE LABORATORY OF DR. J. P. MENULTY, SCIENTIST. HE CALLS TO HIS ASSISTANT....
COME QUICKLY, TERRY--I THINK I'VE GOT IT!
YES, DOCTOR!
WATCH THE DOG CLOSELY! WHEN HE DRINKS THIS, IF WE CAN STILL SEE HIM, IT MEANS I'VE FAILED AGAIN!
BUT IF WE CAN NO LONGER SEE HIM, IT MEANS THAT I HAVE FINALLY DISCOVERED THE FORMULA FOR MAKING PEOPLE INVISIBLE!!

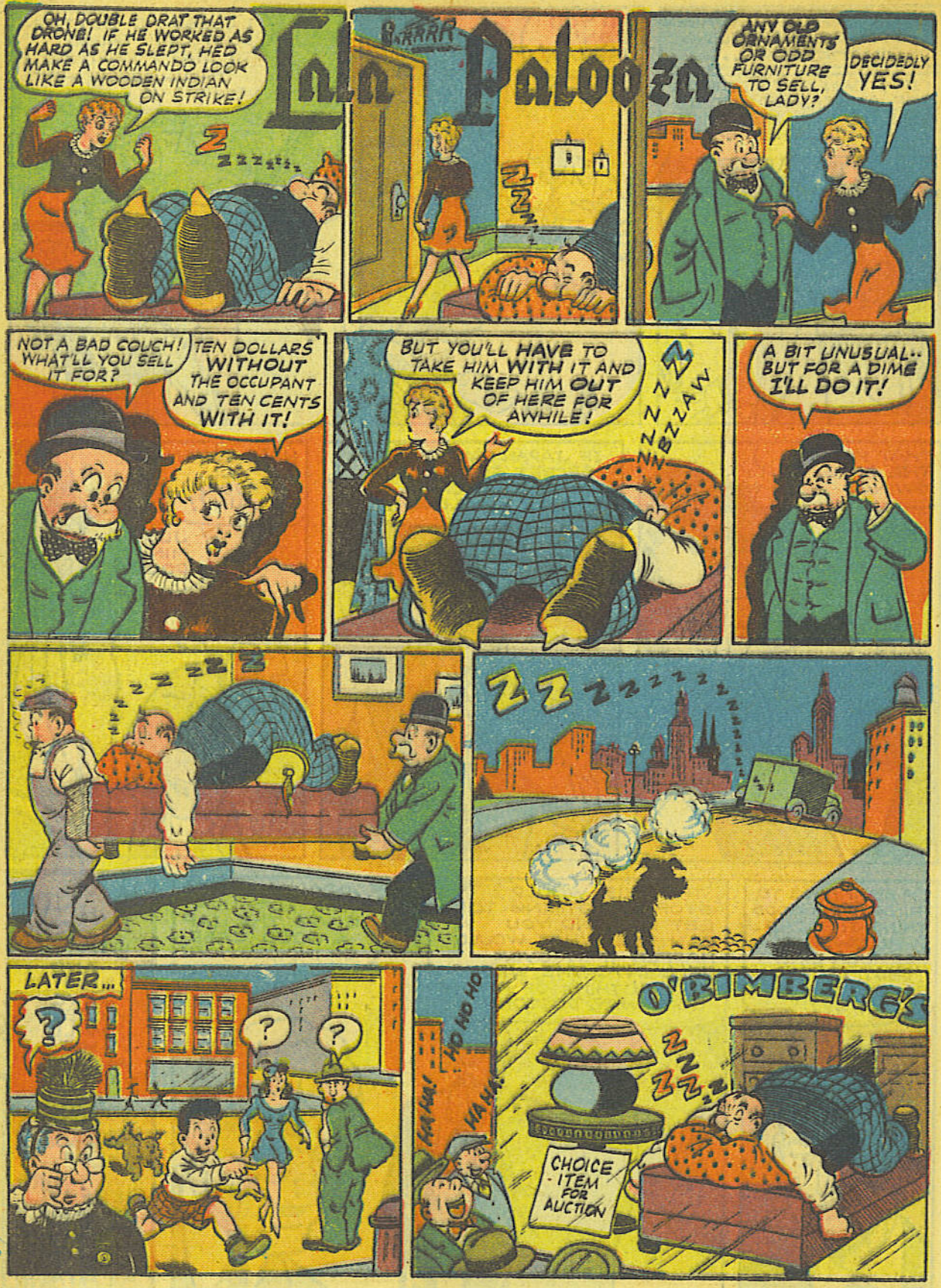

THE DOG DRINKS FROM THE PAN...
WHY, DOCTOR ---HE'S FADING AWAY!!
IT WORKS, TERRY! IT WORKS!! HE'S COMPLETELY INVISIBLE!!
GET MY HAT AND COAT, PLEASE! I MUST GO TO WASHINGTON AND TURN THIS OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY!
UHH... DOCTOR-- MAYBE I SHOULDN'T SUGGEST THIS, BUT...
COULDN'T YOU WAIT AND TAKE THE FORMULA TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW? JUST THINK OF ALL THE FUN WE COULD HAVE WITH IT TODAY...I MEAN....
I THINK I UNDERSTAND, TERRY! ONE DAY MORE OR LESS WON'T MATTER...AND BECOMING INVISIBLE OFFERS ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES! HMMM...WE COULD HAVE SOME VERY AMUSING TIMES BEFORE THIS DAY IS OVER!!
THAT NIGHT:
TO THE CLOVER CLUB, DRIVER.....TERRY, THIS OUGHT TO PROVE QUITE HUMOROUS, BUT I DO HOPE WE DON'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE TONIGHT.
DON'T WORRY.
TABLE FOR TWO, WAITER.
YES, SIR.

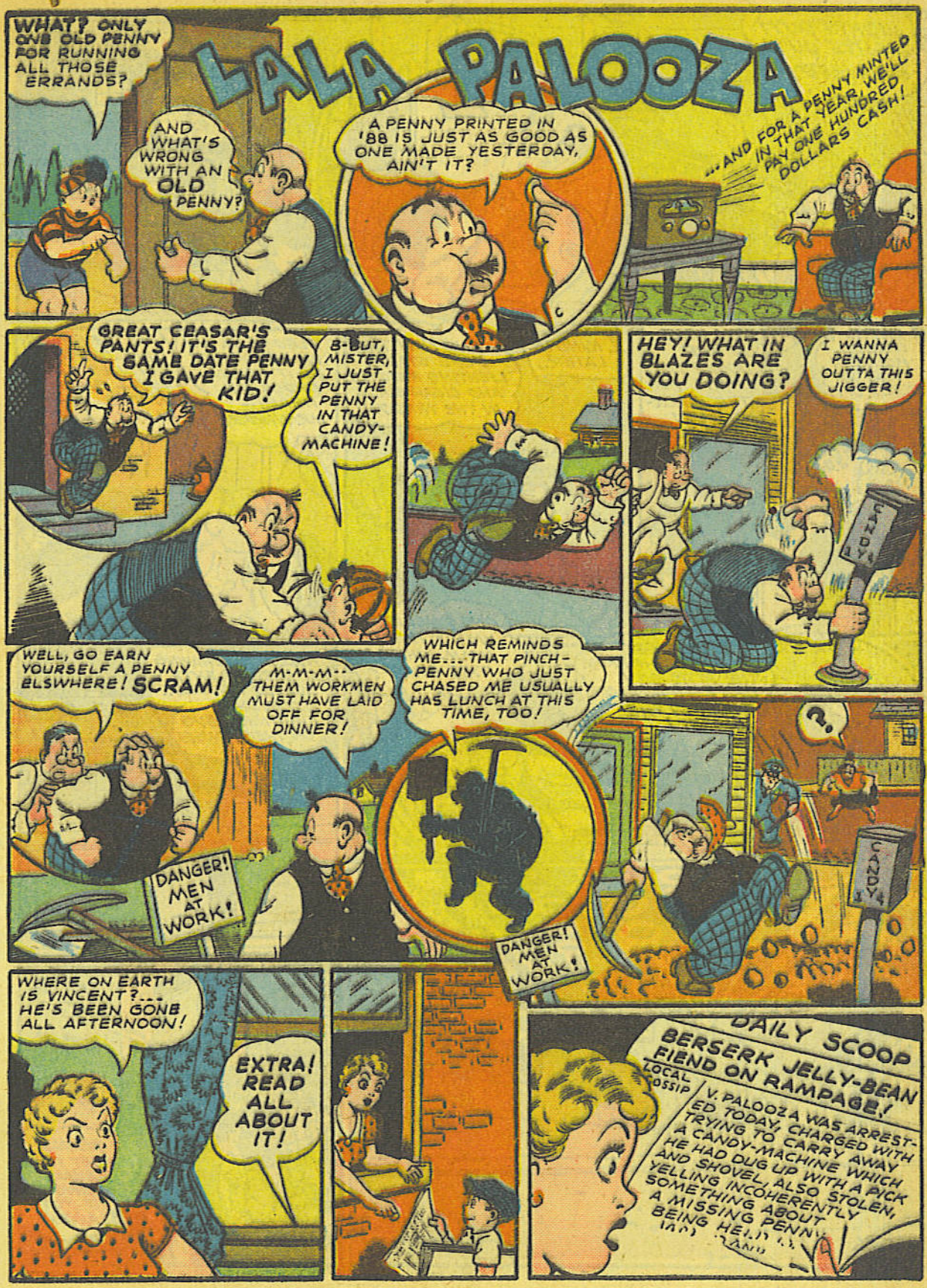

HERE WE GO, TERRY! ONE SIP AND THE FUN BEGINS!!
ON THE BANDSTAND SWING SISSON IS DIRECTING HIS ORCHESTRA....
HO-HUM... SURE IS AN UNEVENTFUL NIGHT, SWING!
YES, BONNIE... IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE A VACATION NOT TO HAVE...
AT THAT MOMENT:
EEEEEK!!
NO! NO, IT CAN'T BE!!
GREAT SCOTT--
YOU LOOK LOVELY TONIGHT, MY DEAR!
STOP THE MUSIC, MEN... SOMETHING'S WRONG!!
WHY, MR. SISSON...WHY'D YOU STOP THE MUSIC? WE WERE JUST GETTING IN THE GRAVE..ER...IN THE GROOVE! HA-HA-HA!

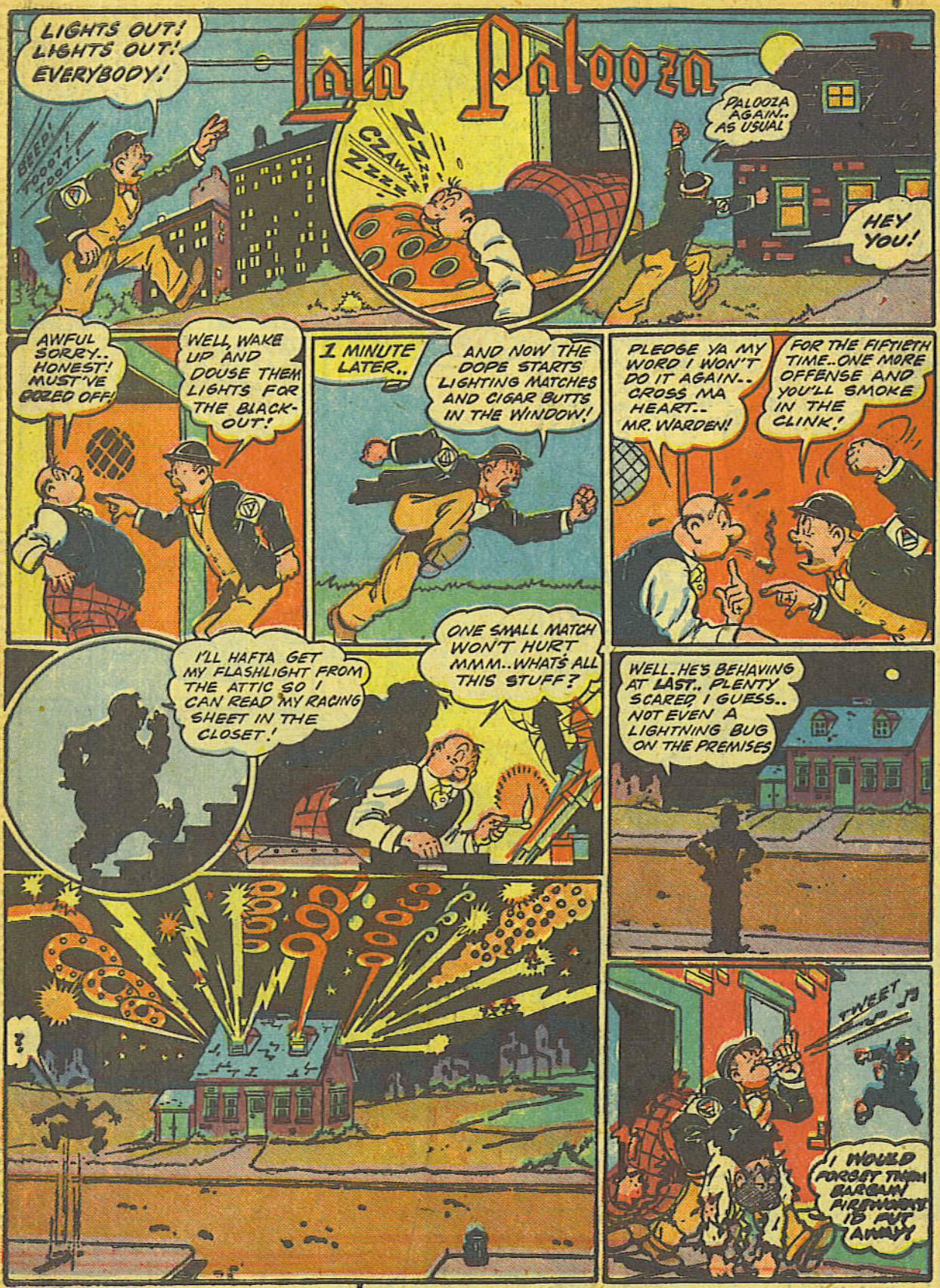

HELP! I'M GOING CRAZY! SOMEBODY CALL THE INSANE ASYLUM, BEFORE I DO SOMETHING DESPERATE!!
DR. MCNULTY AND TERRY DRINK AN ANTIDOTE....
JUST A MINUTE, MR. SISSON...
YOU SEE... WE ARE NOW PERFECTLY VISIBILE!
YOU WERE THERE ALL THE TIME?? I MEAN...
DR. MCNULTY EXPLAINS ABOUT THE FORMULA...
...SO YOU SEE, WE WERE JUST HAVING A LITTLE HARMLESS FUN!
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO GIVE EVERYONE SUCH A SCARE!
IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO REPAY YOU? UH... WOULD YOU THREE BE MY GUESTS TOMORROW AT MY LABORATORY.... BEFORE I TAKE THE FORMULA TO WASHINGTON, I MEAN!
THAT SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING! I'M SURE WE'D BE VERY GLAD TO.. HOW ABOUT IT, KIDS?
I'D LOVE IT!
YOU BET!
NEXT MORNING...
EXTRY... FORMULA FOR MAKIN' PEOPLE INVISIBLE DISCOVERED!! READ ALL ABOUT IT... EXTRY!
EXTRA
SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY A FOREIGN-LOOKING MAN READS THE NEWS...
HMMMMM... JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE GET HOLD OF THIS FORMULA! WITH INVISIBLE ARMY WE COULD CONQUER QUICKLY! I'LL CALL IN MY MEN!
S-HERALD
INVISIBE
ERED
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AT DR. McNULTY'S LABORATORY.. SWING AND HIS FRIENDS' VISIT IS BEING CONCLUDED.
WE'VE SURE HAD A SWELL TIME, DOC!
THANK YOU! AND NOW I MUST CATCH A TRAIN FOR WASHINGTON!
SUPPOSE SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THAT FORMULA, DR. McNULTY?
IT IS SO COMPLICATED I FEAR I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE IT.... AND THIS IS THE LAST BOTTLE OF THE LIQUID.
BUT DON'T WORRY... NOTHING WILL HAP....
PLEASE TO HAND OVER FORMULA AND BOTTLE, DOCTIAR!
JAPAN VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THIS EXCELLENT WAR WEAPON, DOCTIAR!
JAPS!
MUST BE CERTAIN THIS WORKS...DRINK PLEASE.
YES, HON. LEADER.
HA! IS SUCCESSFUL ...WE GO NOW!
HEADS UP, TOBY! LET'S GET 'EM!
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AS THE JAPS FALL UNDER THE FURIOUS BATTLING OF THE TRIO....
IF I CAN GET CLOTHES OFF, AMERICANS NOT BE ABLE TO SEE ME... AND I CAN KILL THEM EASILY!
NO YOU DON'T, JAPRAT!
I GUESS I'D BETTER DUST OFF THESE DIRTY CLOTHES!
SMACK
THAT FINISHES THE SPYS, SWING!
BUT THE JAP LEADER STILL HAS THE FORMULA
IF JAPAN CANNOT HAVE SECRET FORMULA, NO ONE ELSE CAN.... SO I SWALLOW!!
HE'S EATEN IT! ALL MY WORK IN VAIN!!
JUST A MINUTE, DOCTOR!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT'S A GOOD THING THE JAP SWALLOWED IT! A FORMULA LIKE THAT IS TOO DANGEROUS TO EXIST!
THE AXIS WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO GET IT...AND YOU CAN SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF IT EVER FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS! THINK OF IT THAT WAY, DOCTOR.
ANYWAY I HOPE THAT FORMULA GIVES THE JAP A GOOD CASE OF INDIGESTION!
SWING SISSON AND HIS JIVE CREW WILL HIT ANOTHER HIGH NOTE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF FEATURE COMICS!!
Pvt. Phil Marsh


Lala Palooza
OH, DOUBLE DRAT THAT DRONE! IF HE WORKED AS HARD AS HE SLEPT, HED MAKE A COMMANDO LOOK LIKE A WOODEN INDIAN ON STRIKE!
Z Z Z Z Z Z
RRRR
ANY OLD ORNAMENTS OR ODD FURNITURE TO SELL, LADY?
DECIDEDLY YES!
NOT A BAD COUCH! WHAT'LL YOU SELL IT FOR?
TEN DOLLARS WITHOUT THE OCCUPANT AND TEN CENTS WITH IT!
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE HIM WITH IT AND KEEP HIM OUT OF HERE FOR AWHILE!
NNNNNN BZZZAW
A BIT UNUSUAL.. BUT FOR A DIME I'LL DO IT!
LATER...
?
HO HO HO HA HA! HA HA!
O'BIMBERG'S
CHOICE ITEM FOR AUCTION


LALA PALOOZA
WHAT? ONLY ONE OLD PENNY FOR RUNNING ALL THOSE ERRANDS?
AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH AN OLD PENNY?
A PENNY PRINTED IN '88 IS JUST AS GOOD AS ONE MADE YESTERDAY, AIN'T IT?
...AND FOR A PENNY MINTED IN THAT YEAR, WE'LL PAY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH!
GREAT CEASAR'S PANTS! IT'S THE SAME DATE PENNY I GAVE THAT KID!
B-BUT, MISTER, I JUST PUT THE PENNY IN THAT CANDY-MACHINE!
HEY! WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU DOING?
I WANNA PENNY OUTTA THIS JIGGER!
CANDY
WELL, GO EARN YOURSELF A PENNY ELSWHERE! SCRAM!
M-M-M-- THEM WORKMEN MUST HAVE LAID OFF FOR DINNER!
WHICH REMINDS ME... THAT PINCH-PENNY WHO JUST CHASED ME USUALLY HAS LUNCH AT THIS TIME, TOO!
DANGER! MEN AT WORK!
DANGER! MEN AT WORK!
?
CANDY
WHERE ON EARTH IS VINCENT?... HE'S BEEN GONE ALL AFTERNOON!
EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
DAILY SCOOP
BERSERK JELLY-BEAN FIEND ON RAMPAGE!
LOCAL GOSSIP
V. PALOOZA WAS ARRESTED TODAY, CHARGED WITH TRYING TO CARRY AWAY A CANDY-MACHINE WHICH HE HAD DUG UP WITH A PICK AND SHOVEL, ALSO STOLEN, YELLING INCOHERENTLY SOMETHING ABOUT A MISSING PENNY BEING HE[illegible]


LIGHTS OUT! LIGHTS OUT! EVERYBODY!
BEEP! TOOT! TOOT!
Lala Palooza
ZZZZZ
CZAWZZ
ZZZZ
PALOOZA AGAIN.. AS USUAL
HEY YOU!
AWFUL SORRY.. HONEST! MUST'VE DOZED OFF!
WELL, WAKE UP AND DOUSE THEM LIGHTS FOR THE BLACK-OUT!
1 MINUTE LATER..
AND NOW THE DOPE STARTS LIGHTING MATCHES AND CIGAR BUTTS IN THE WINDOW!
PLEDGE YA MY WORD I WON'T DO IT AGAIN.. CROSS MA HEART.. MR. WARDEN!
FOR THE FIFTIETH TIME..ONE MORE OFFENSE AND YOU'LL SMOKE IN THE CLINK!
I'LL HAFTA GET MY FLASHLIGHT FROM THE ATTIC SO I CAN READ MY RACING SHEET IN THE CLOSET!
ONE SMALL MATCH WON'T HURT MMM..WHAT'S ALL THIS STUFF?
WELL..HE'S BEHAVING AT LAST.. PLENTY SCARED I GUESS.. NOT EVEN A LIGHTNING BUG ON THE PREMISES
TWEET
I WOULD FORGET THEM BARGAIN FIREWORKS IS PUT AWAY!





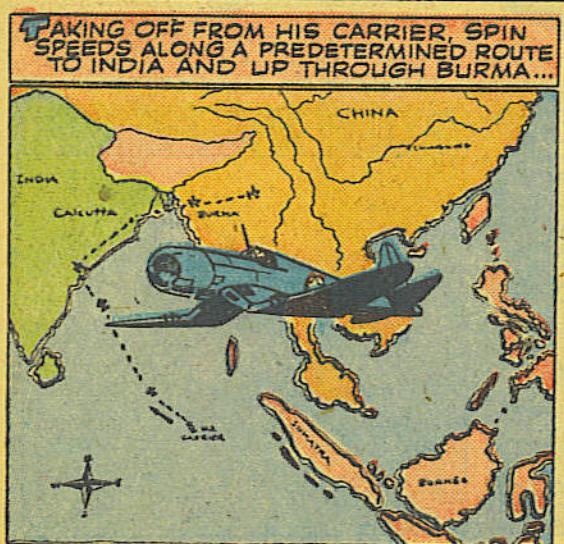


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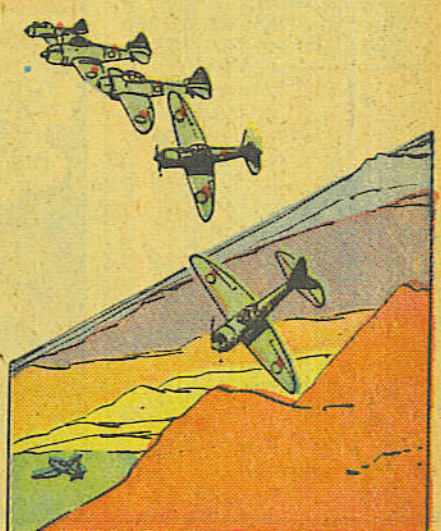
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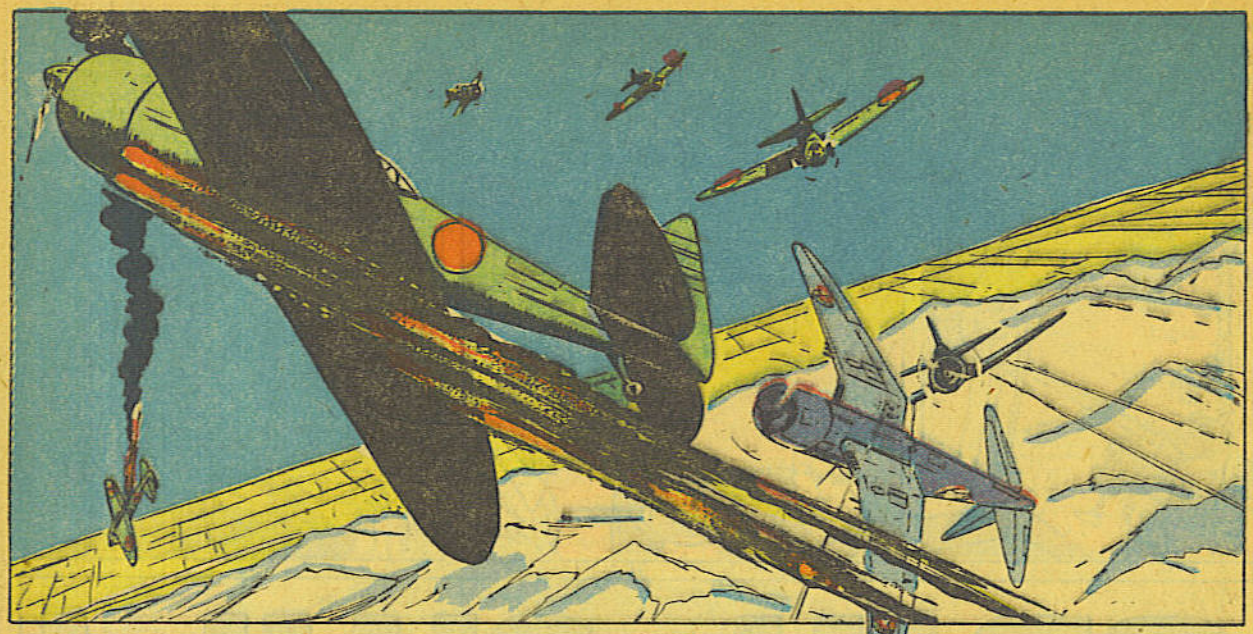
CAPTAIN S.R. (SPIN) SHAW, U.S.N., ABOARD THE CARRIER [redacted] SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC BECOMES A MAIL CARRIER -- OF TROUBLE!











BLAST IT! I'M OUT OF AMMUNITION! AND NOT A CLOUD IN SIGHT TO DUCK INTO! THIS IS A SWEET PICKLE! NOW, WHAT--?

I'LL TRY TO RUN FOR IT BUT... *HEY!* WHERE'D *THAT* BOY COME FROM?

WHOA HO! LOOK AT THAT RUSSKI BABY KNOCK OFF THOSE NIPS! WOW!

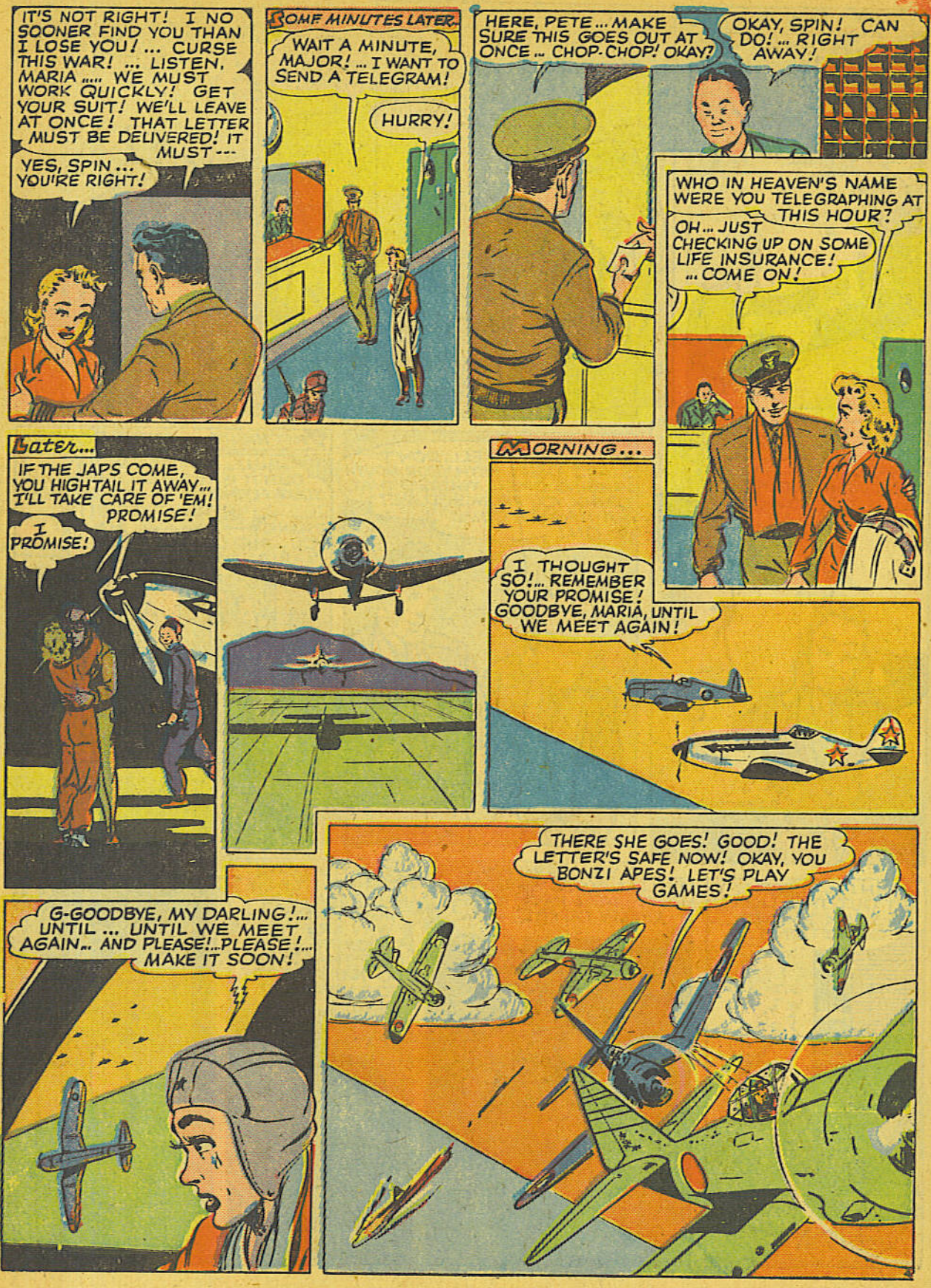
HEY, CHUM! NICE GOIN'! LOOK AT THOSE BONZIS HI-TAIL IT AWAY!!

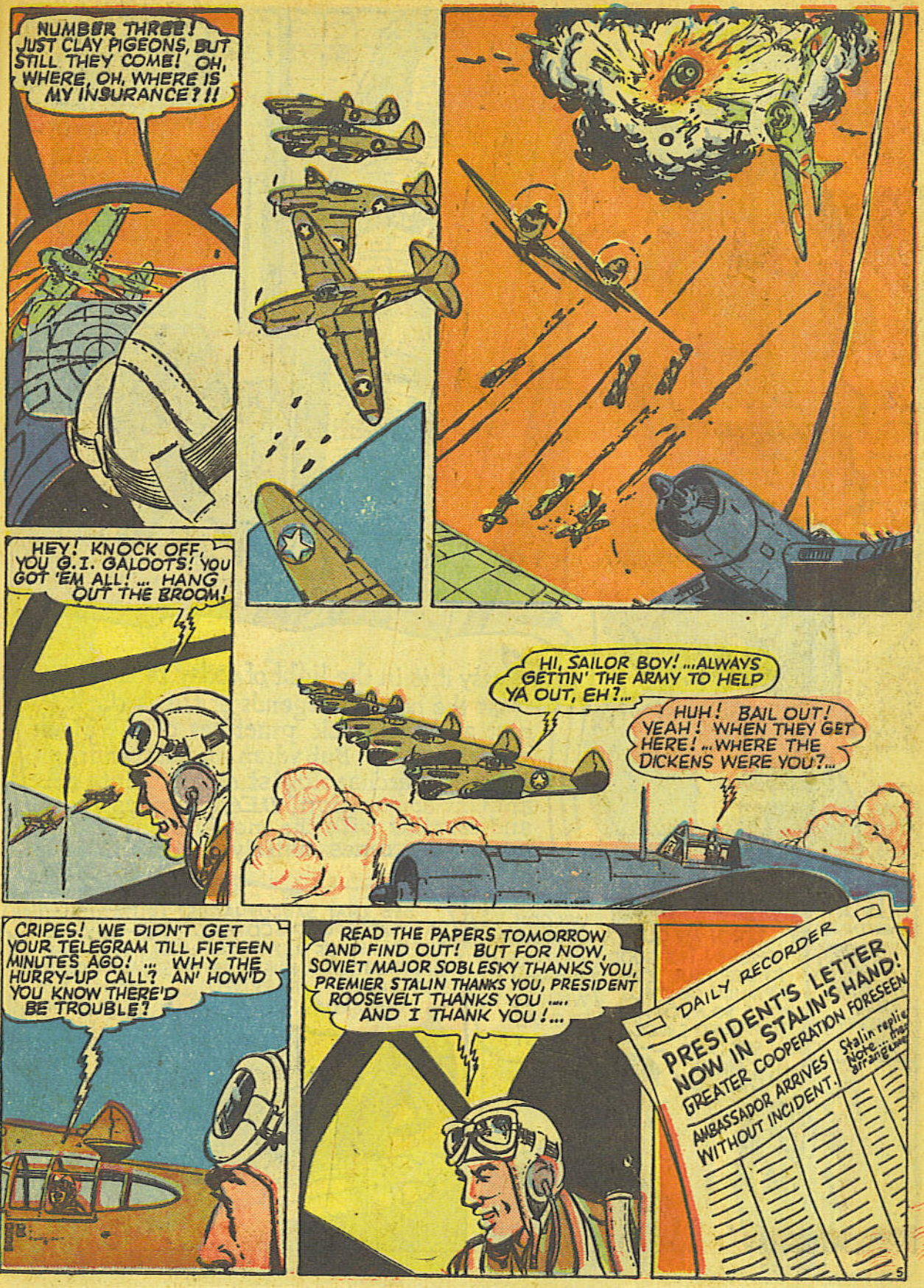
HOW DO YOU SAY IT? "SPACIBA," GUY! THANKS! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! HOW ABOUT COMING TO CHUNGKING AND LETTING ME BUY YOU A DRINK?

IT'S A DATE, YANK!

AN HOUR LATER... CHUNGKING, CAPITAL OF FREE CHINA...


THANKS AGAIN, FELLA! THAT WAS SOME FLYING! I'M CAPTAIN SHAW, U. S. NAVY...
HELLO! ... I'M MAJOR SOBLESKY!
THE FELLOW I WAS TO MEET? SWELL! YOU NOT ONLY SAVED ME, BUT THE LETTER TO YOUR PREMIER!...
I'M GLAD I COULD HELP! IT'S LUCKY I CAME ALONG WHEN I DID!
WHEW!... IT'S HOT HERE! SAY, WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO TALK ENGLISH SO WELL, MAJOR?
I WAS EDUCATED IN AMERICA... IN CHICAGO...
OH?... REALLY?... I... I... GULP! WHA--? A WOMAN!
MY! ... IS IT THAT AMAZING?
HA-HA-HA! WELL, DON'T STAND THERE WITH YOUR MOUTH HANGING OPEN! WHERE'S THAT DRINK YOU PROMISED ME? HA-HA-HA! COME ON!
THAT NIGHT ... AFTER DINNER...
HMM! ... I MUST SAY THIS OUTFIT IS MORE BECOMING THAN YOUR FLYING SUIT!--ER--AH--YES... HERE'S THE LETTER, MAJOR!
THANK YOU ... AND CALL ME MARIA ... SPIN...
SHHH! ... LISTEN! PUT OUT THAT LIGHT! ...I THINK I HEARD SOMETHING!
YOU WERE RIGHT!... WELL, I GUESS WE'RE FOUND OUT! WE'LL HAVE TO BE REALLY CAREFUL, NOW!
I'D BETTER LEAVE AT ONCE! IT'LL BE SAFER FLYING AT NIGHT AND WH-- WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT? DO... DO YOU FEEL IT TOO, SP-SPIN?


IT'S NOT RIGHT! I NO SOONER FIND YOU THAN I LOSE YOU! ... CURSE THIS WAR! ... LISTEN, MARIA WE MUST WORK QUICKLY! GET YOUR SUIT! WE'LL LEAVE AT ONCE! THAT LETTER MUST BE DELIVERED! IT MUST ---
YES, SPIN ... YOU'RE RIGHT!
SOME MINUTES LATER...
WAIT A MINUTE, MAJOR! ... I WANT TO SEND A TELEGRAM!
HURRY!
HERE, PETE ... MAKE SURE THIS GOES OUT AT ONCE ... CHOP-CHOP! OKAY?
OKAY, SPIN! CAN DO! ... RIGHT AWAY!
WHO IN HEAVEN'S NAME WERE YOU TELEGRAPHING AT THIS HOUR?
OH ... JUST CHECKING UP ON SOME LIFE INSURANCE! ... COME ON!
Later...
IF THE JAPS COME, YOU HIGHTAIL IT AWAY ... I'LL TAKE CARE OF 'EM! PROMISE!
I PROMISE!
MORNING...
I THOUGHT SO! ... REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE! GOODBYE, MARIA, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!
G-GOODBYE, MY DARLING! ... UNTIL ... UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN ... AND PLEASE! ... PLEASE! ... MAKE IT SOON!
THERE SHE GOES! GOOD! THE LETTER'S SAFE NOW! OKAY, YOU BONZI APES! LET'S PLAY GAMES!


NUMBER THREE! JUST CLAY PIGEONS, BUT STILL THEY COME! OH, WHERE, OH, WHERE IS MY INSURANCE?!!
HEY! KNOCK OFF, YOU G.I. GALOOTS! YOU GOT 'EM ALL! ... HANG OUT THE BROOM!
HI, SAILOR BOY! ...ALWAYS GETTIN' THE ARMY TO HELP YA OUT, EH?...
HUH! BAIL OUT! YEAH! WHEN THEY GET HERE! ...WHERE THE DICKENS WERE YOU?...
CRIPES! WE DIDN'T GET YOUR TELEGRAM TILL FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO! ... WHY THE HURRY-UP CALL? AN' HOW'D YOU KNOW THERE'D BE TROUBLE?
READ THE PAPERS TOMORROW AND FIND OUT! BUT FOR NOW, SOVIET MAJOR SOBLESKY THANKS YOU, PREMIER STALIN THANKS YOU, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THANKS YOU AND I THANK YOU!...
DAILY RECORDER
PRESIDENT'S LETTER NOW IN STALIN'S HAND!
GREATER COOPERATION FORESEEN
AMBASSADOR ARRIVES WITHOUT INCIDENT.
Stalin replies
Note... the
arrangem

ZERO



Easy it is in the light of today to laugh at the horrific legends of time's dark past and the black practices of the olden sorcerers! ... But when an outstanding American archaeologist dares violate an ancient admonition, **DEATH**, ghastly and terrible with the moldy scent of ages past, comes swiftly striking!

AT A NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, WHERE OUR STORY OPENS...

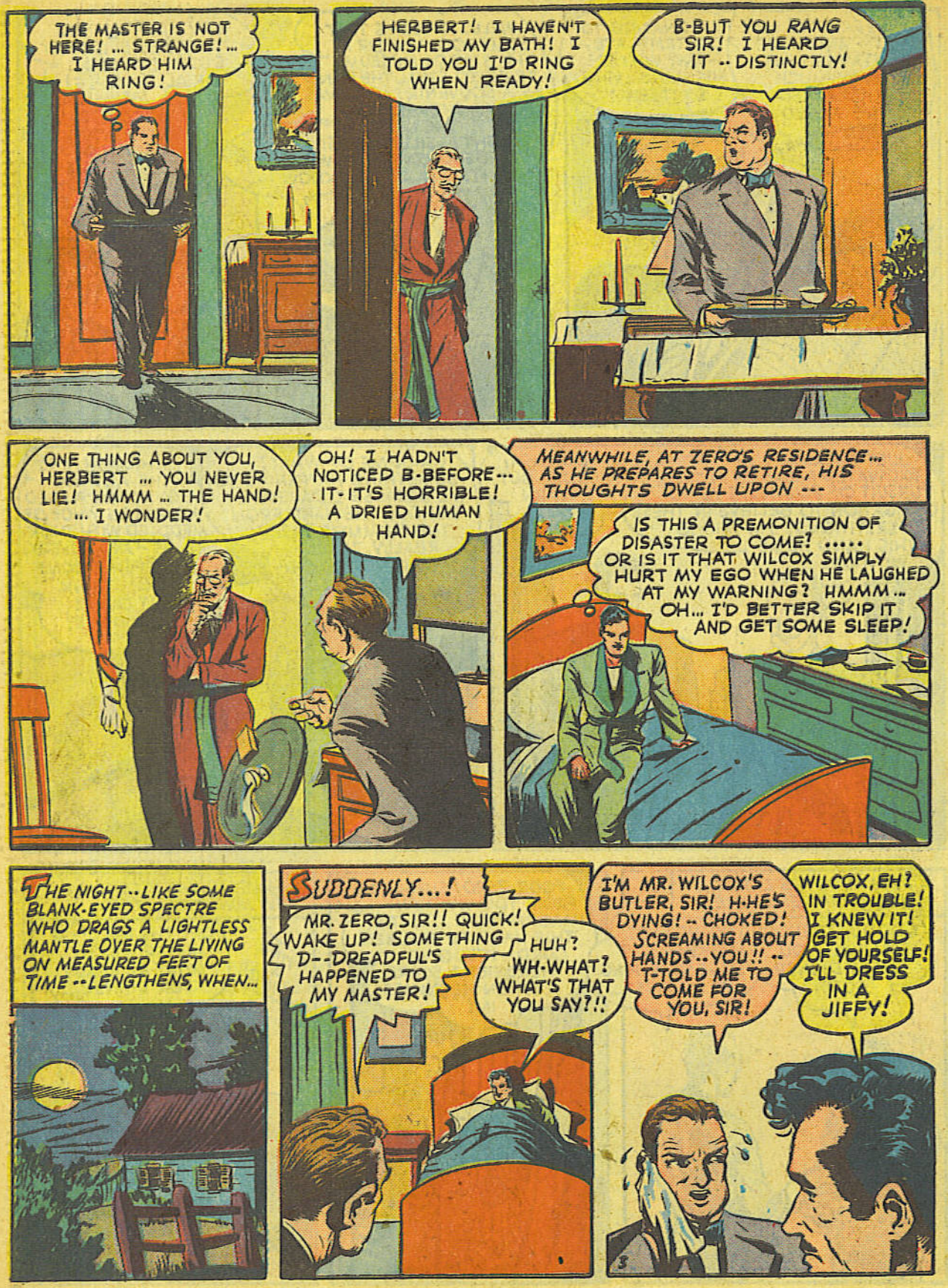
ZERO! MY OLD FRIEND! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! I'VE SO MUCH TO TELL YOU! SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE LAST MET!

PROFESSOR WILCOX, HOW ARE YOU?--WHAT DID YOU WISH TO SEE ME ABOUT?

SEE THAT SARCOPHAGUS? A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY!.. THE MUMMY OF RUTATUTAKHMEN, GREATEST OF ANCIENT EGYPT'S SORCERERS! IT ARRIVED YESTERDAY!

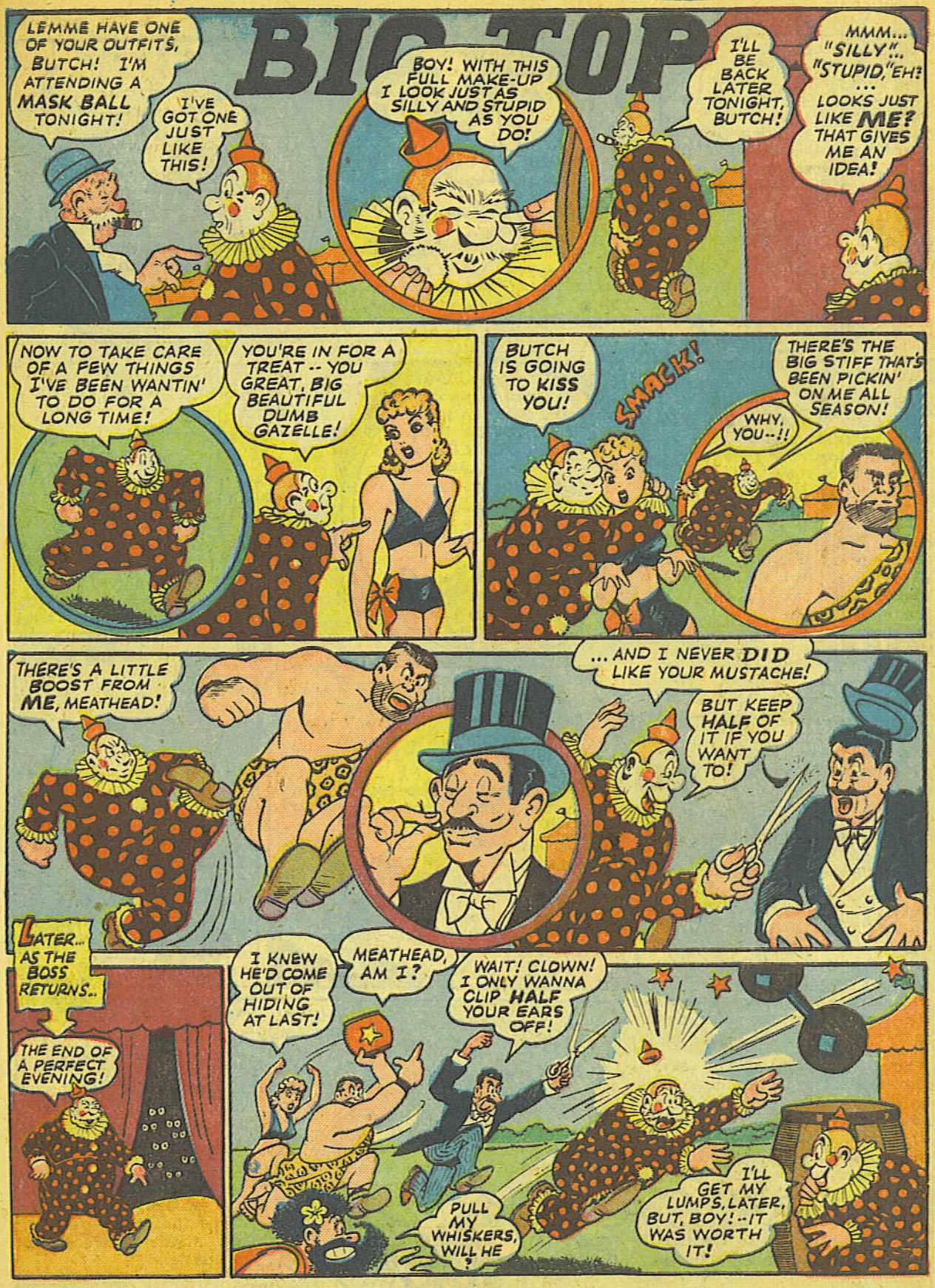
RUTATUTAKHMEN --WHY, HE WAS THE MOST FEARED MAN IN THE WORLD OF 2,000 YEARS AGO! WILCOX, LET ME LOOK AT HIS MUMMY!

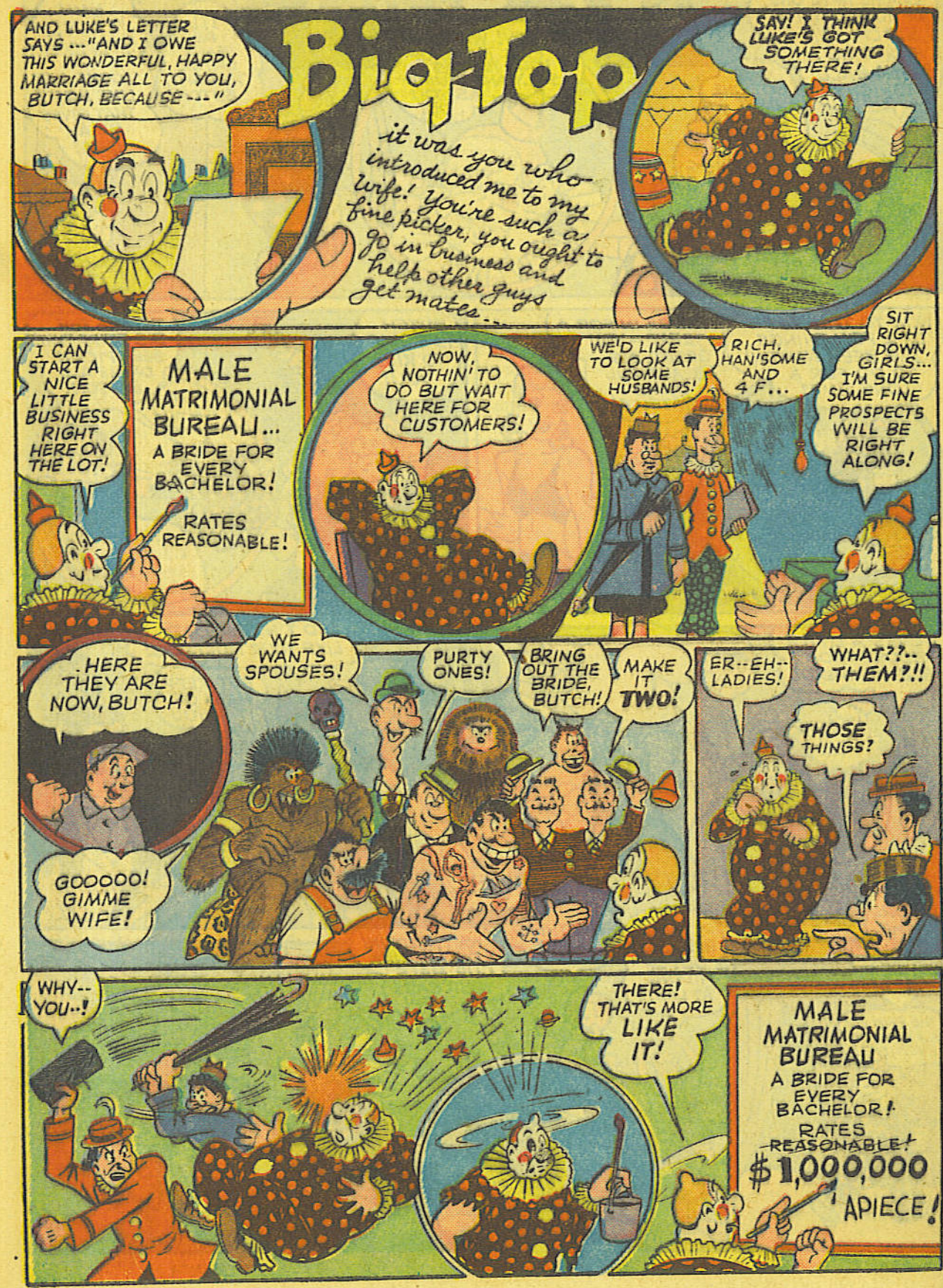

YES, ZERO, HE WAS THAT -- AND HERE WE STARE AT HIS MUMMY! MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO THE WORLD SINCE ---
FASCINATING TO CONTEMPLATE -- --SAY! WHY IS HIS HAND LYING BY ITSELF?
WELL... IT SEEMS THAT SOME FOOL VISITOR AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM TRIED TO STEAL THE HAND AS A SOUVENIR! -- HE WAS FOUND CHOKED TO DEATH, THE NEXT NIGHT! SILLY LEGEND, ISN'T IT!
SILLY? I WOULDN'T KNOW ---
WHY... HA-HA! YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT STORY! -- YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE!
WILCOX! WHEN YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED AS MUCH OF THE OCCULT AS I HAVE --- OH, WELL, LET IT GO!
JUST BECAUSE I'VE EXCAVATED MUMMIES IN THE PURSUIT OF SCIENCE, I'VE NO OBLIGATION TO BELIEVE IN THESE SUPERSTITIONS! I'M TAKING THIS HAND HOME WITH ME!
AS YOU WISH, WILCOX! BUT I WARN YOU!
WARN ME OF WHAT? -- SOMETHING HAPPENING TO ME BECAUSE I DARED TO REMOVE THE HAND FROM THE MUMMY'S CASE? REALLY, ZERO, THAT'S CHILDISH! GOODBYE!
CHILDISH, EH? THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS PLACED A CURSE ON WHOEVER MEDDLED WITH THEIR TOMBS --AND, WILCOX, I'VE SEEN IT COME TRUE! THINK IT OVER! GOODBYE!
A FEW MINUTES LATER... WILCOX ARRIVES HOME...
GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR! WILL YOU WANT DINNER SOON?
NO, NOT YET, HERBERT... I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO FIRST...
POOR ZERO! SUFFERING FROM TOO VIVID AN IMAGINATION! I'LL TIE THIS HAND TO THE BELL CORD! IT'LL GIVE HERBERT A SCARE WHEN HE COMES IN!
WHILE, IN THE KITCHEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER...
TING A LING!
OH... THE BELL! MASTER WILCOX MUST BE READY FOR DINNER...

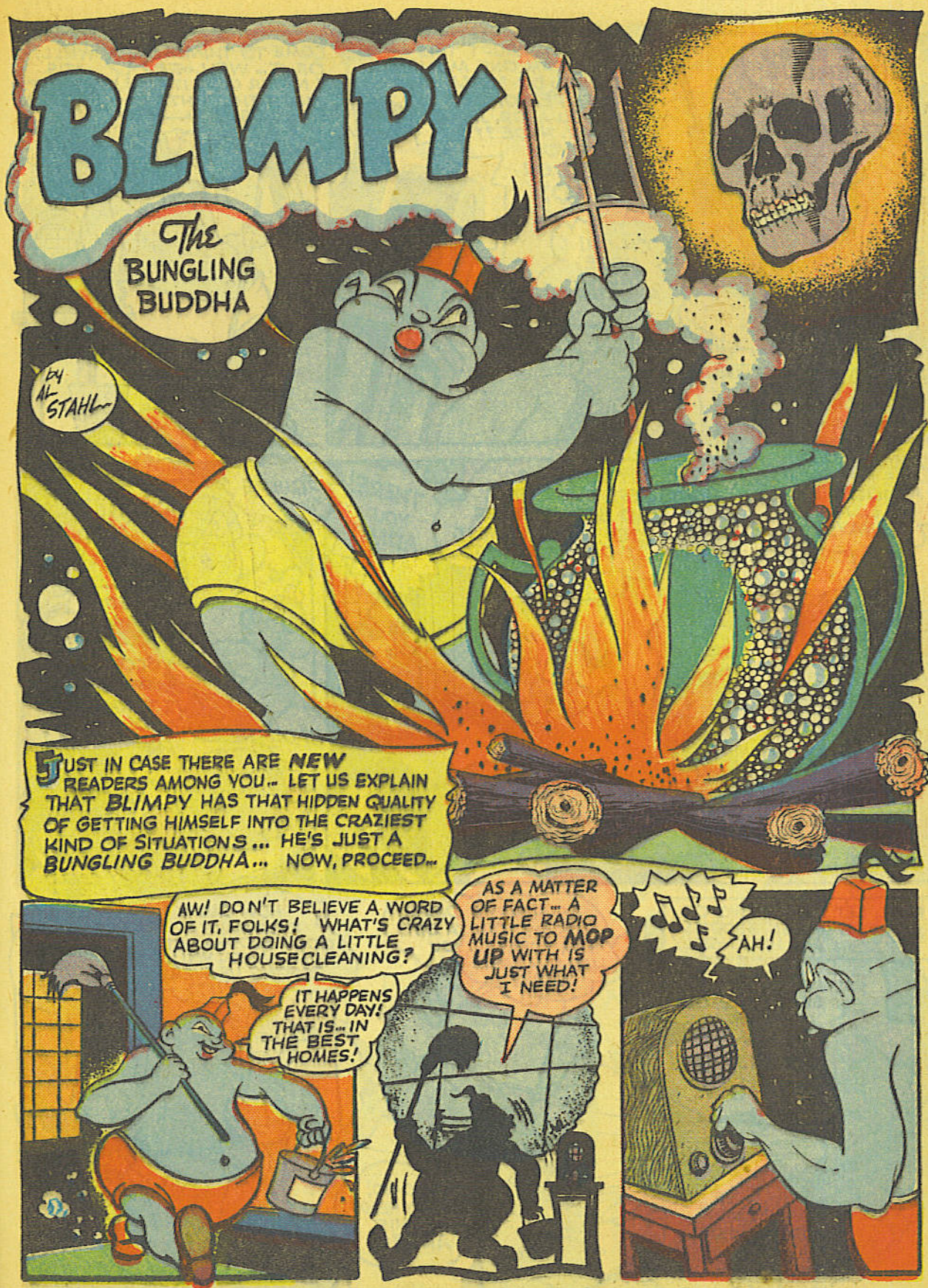

THE MASTER IS NOT HERE! ... STRANGE! ... I HEARD HIM RING!
HERBERT! I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY BATH! I TOLD YOU I'D RING WHEN READY!
B-BUT YOU RANG SIR! I HEARD IT -- DISTINCTLY!
ONE THING ABOUT YOU, HERBERT ... YOU NEVER LIE! HMMM ... THE HAND! ... I WONDER!
OH! I HADN'T NOTICED B-BEFORE... IT-IT'S HORRIBLE! A DRIED HUMAN HAND!
MEANWHILE, AT ZERO'S RESIDENCE... AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE, HIS THOUGHTS DWELL UPON ---
IS THIS A PREMONITION OF DISASTER TO COME? OR IS IT THAT WILCOX SIMPLY HURT MY EGO WHEN HE LAUGHED AT MY WARNING? HMMM .. OH... I'D BETTER SKIP IT AND GET SOME SLEEP!
THE NIGHT -- LIKE SOME BLANK-EYED SPECTRE WHO DRAGS A LIGHTLESS MANTLE OVER THE LIVING ON MEASURED FEET OF TIME -- LENGTHENS, WHEN...
SUDDENLY...!
MR. ZERO, SIR!! QUICK! WAKE UP! SOMETHING D--DREADFUL'S HAPPENED TO MY MASTER!
HUH? WH-WHAT? WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY?!!
I'M MR. WILCOX'S BUTLER, SIR! H-HE'S DYING! -- CHOKED! SCREAMING ABOUT HANDS -- YOU!! -- T-TOLD ME TO COME FOR YOU, SIR!
WILCOX, EH? IN TROUBLE! I KNEW IT! GET HOLD OF YOURSELF! I'LL DRESS IN A JIFFY!
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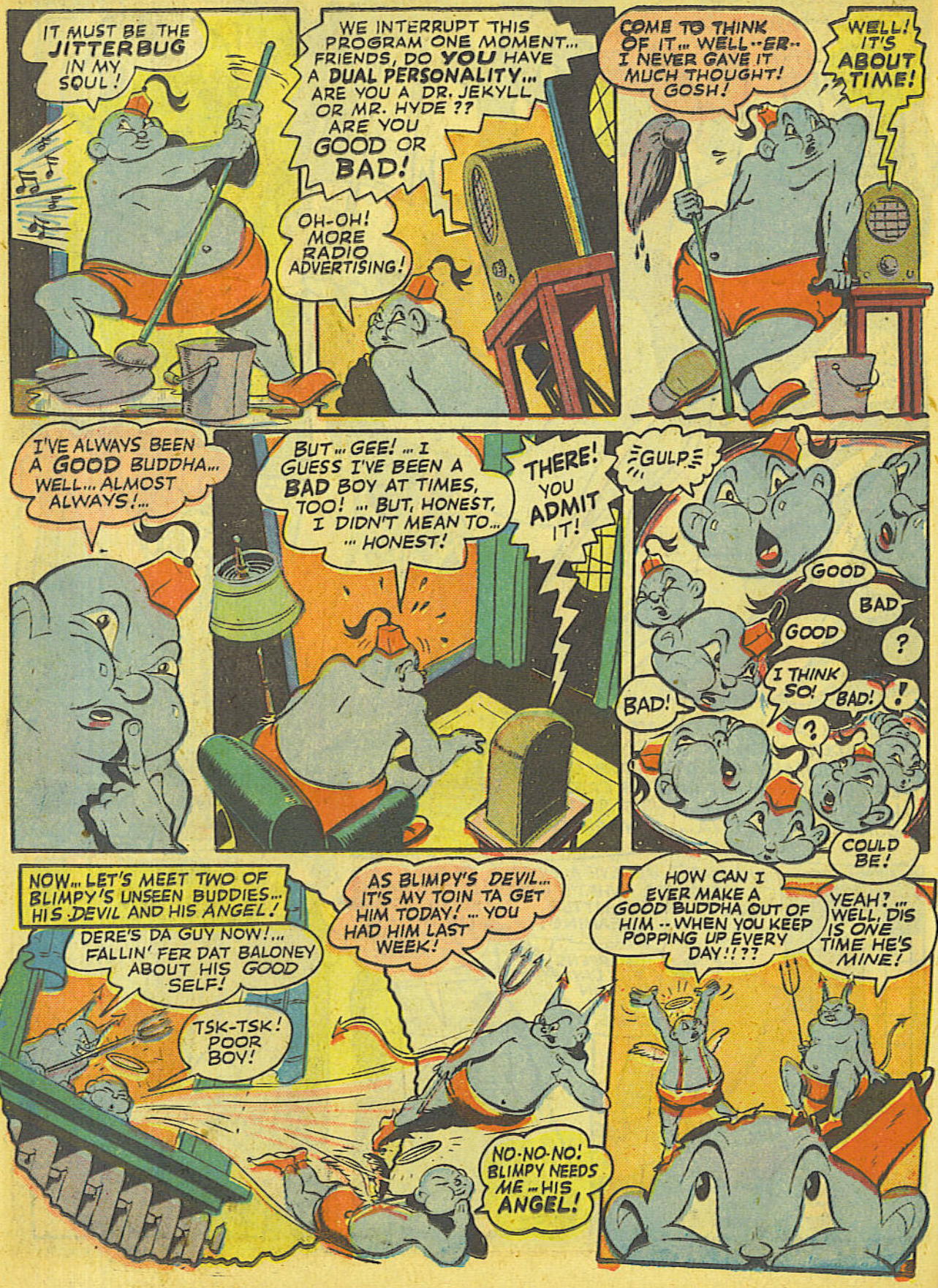

LATER ... WHEN ZERO ARRIVES AT WILCOX'S HOME...
WILCOX! YOUR MAN TOLD ME THAT-- --WHY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN TROUBLE!
TROUBLE? OH... HA-HA! JUST A SILLY NIGHTMARE, ZERO! I MUST HAVE IMAGINED IT ALL! --THE MIND PLAYS PECULIAR TRICKS!
IMAGINED, EH?-- QUITE STRONG, TO LEAVE MARKS LIKE THAT, EH, WILCOX?
HEY!... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MR. WILCOX, SIR! -- YOUR THROAT!
REALLY, ZERO, I APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO BE OF SERVICE, BUT, TO BE QUITE FRANK, I WISH YOU WOULD GO! I'VE NO DESIRE TO TALK ABOUT ANY IMAGINED FOUL PLAY! GOOD NIGHT!
ALL RIGHT, WILCOX --- THIS IS YOUR HOUSE -- BUT YOU MAY REGRET YOUR INSOLENCE!
STUPID, EGOTISTICAL FOOL! HE WAS ATTACKED, BUT HE'S TOO PROUD TO ADMIT IT! -- EVEN WILLING TO CHANCE A HORRIBLE DEATH! -- JUST TO MAINTAIN HE WAS RIGHT AND I WAS WRONG ABOUT THAT MUMMY'S CURSE! -- THINK I'LL HANG AROUND HERE -OUT OF SIGHT ---
LOOK AT HIM! AFRAID TO MOVE ABOUT WITHOUT A GUN --YET TOO STUBBORN TO ASK MY HELP! WELL, WE'LL SEE! -- I'D BETTER SLIP INSIDE!
CAREFULLY, THE GREAT GHOST DETECTIVE PICKS HIS WAY TOWARD THE REAR DOOR, WHEN ---
HOLY HANNAH! I KNOCKED OVER THE MILK BOTTLES! -- HE'LL HEAR ME AND ... OH -- WHAT??!! A SCREAM! FROM WILCOX!
EEEEEYOOWWW!
CRASH!
GOOD HEAVENS!! I MUST HELP HIM! WILCOX! -- I'M HERE! HOLD ON, MAN! HOLD ON! ...
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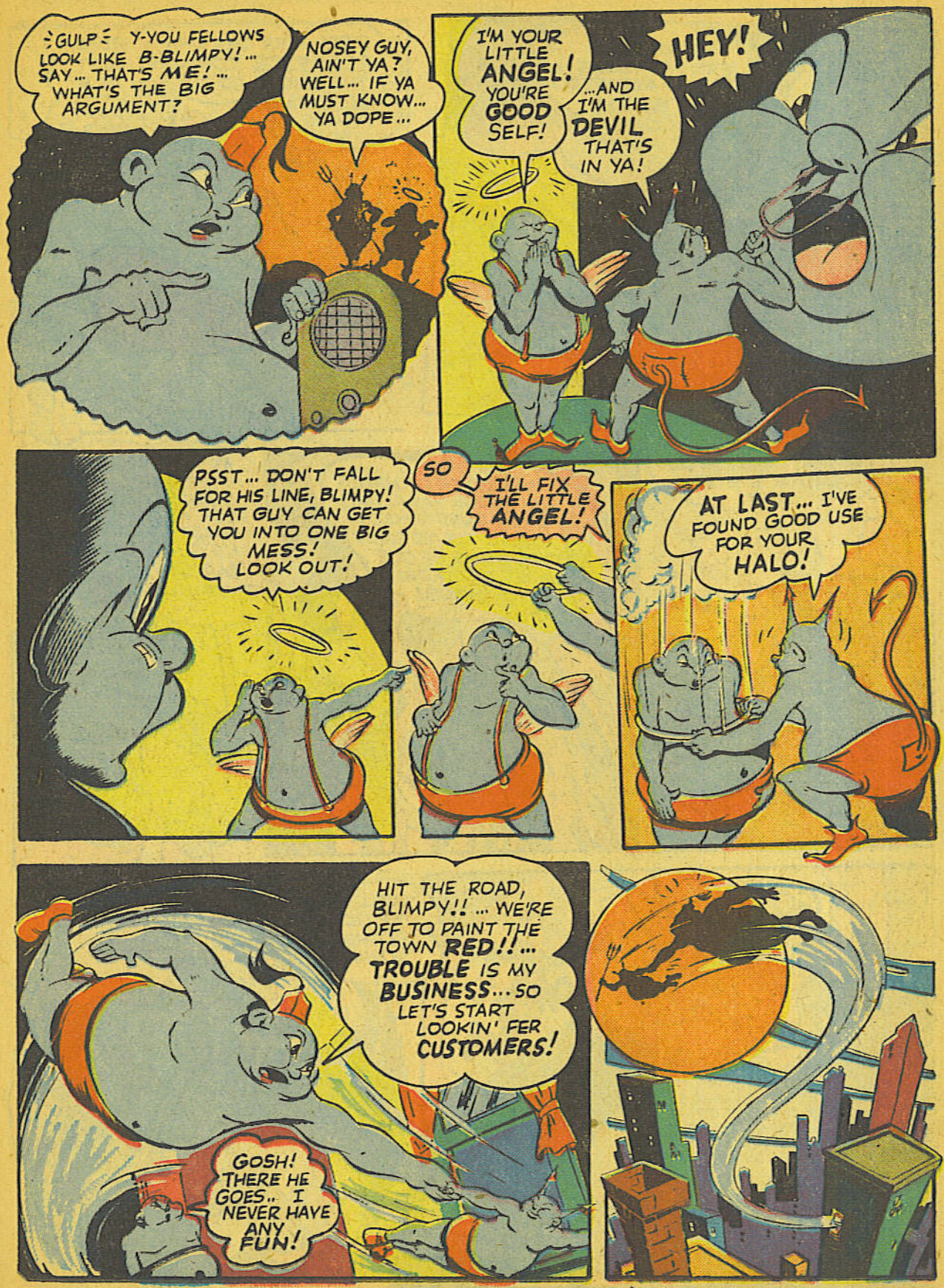

GASP AHHH... OHHH!!...
IT'S THE HAND! ... AS I THOUGHT! CHOKING HIM TO ... HEY! LOOK OUT WITH THAT PISTOL! YOU ALMOST GOT ME!
ZERO!!! AHHHHH GASP ...HE'LL...
I'LL ... NO USE! I CAN'T BUDGE IT! THIS IS HORRIBLE! HE'LL BE DEAD IN A MINUTE, UNLESS ...
OUT FROM AN INNER POCKET, THE GREAT GHOST DETECTIVE PULLS HIS DISINTEGRATOR AND -----
..UNLESS THIS WORKS!
AS THE STRANGLING MAN CONTORTS IN AGONY ...
I'M GIVING IT FULL POWER, BUT --- OH, IT'S WORKING! THE HAND! .. IT'S UNCLENCHING!
I'VE BROKEN THE CURSE! BUT I'M AFRAID I'M TOO LATE!
OHHHHH!
THUD !!
Z-ZERO!! ... YOU WERE RIGHT ... ABOUT THE HAND ... AND THE CURSE! ... FORGIVE ME ... AND ... TH..THANKS ... OHHH ...
ALL RIGHT, WILCOX! TAKE IT EASY! YOU'LL COME OUT OF IT! HERBERT!-- CALL AN AMBULANCE!
IS IT SAFE T-TO C-COME OUT N-NOW? ... OH, Y-YES, MR. ZERO! YES!
NEXT DAY... IN THE EGYPTIAN ROOM OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM...
WELL, RUTATUTAKHMEN... HERE'S YOUR GORY OLD HAND BACK! HOLD ON TO IT AND DON'T TRY CHOKING WILCOX AGAIN! ... WHEN HE GETS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, HE WON'T DESECRATE YOUR TOMB ANY MORE ... I THINK YOU'VE TAUGHT HIM A LESSON!


BIG TOP
LEMME HAVE ONE OF YOUR OUTFITS, BUTCH! I'M ATTENDING A MASK BALL TONIGHT!
I'VE GOT ONE JUST LIKE THIS!
BOY! WITH THIS FULL MAKE-UP I LOOK JUST AS SILLY AND STUPID AS YOU DO!
I'LL BE BACK LATER TONIGHT, BUTCH!
MMM... "SILLY"... "STUPID," EH? ... LOOKS JUST LIKE ME? THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
NOW TO TAKE CARE OF A FEW THINGS I'VE BEEN WANTIN' TO DO FOR A LONG TIME!
YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT -- YOU GREAT, BIG BEAUTIFUL DUMB GAZELLE!
BUTCH IS GOING TO KISS YOU!
SMACK!
WHY, YOU--!!
THERE'S THE BIG STIFF THAT'S BEEN PICKIN' ON ME ALL SEASON!
THERE'S A LITTLE BOOST FROM ME, MEATHEAD!
... AND I NEVER DID LIKE YOUR MUSTACHE!
BUT KEEP HALF OF IT IF YOU WANT TO!
LATER... AS THE BOSS RETURNS..
THE END OF A PERFECT EVENING!
I KNEW HE'D COME OUT OF HIDING AT LAST!
MEATHEAD, AM I?
WAIT! CLOWN! I ONLY WANNA CLIP HALF YOUR EARS OFF!
PULL MY WHISKERS, WILL HE?
I'LL GET MY LUMPS, LATER, BUT, BOY! -- IT WAS WORTH IT!

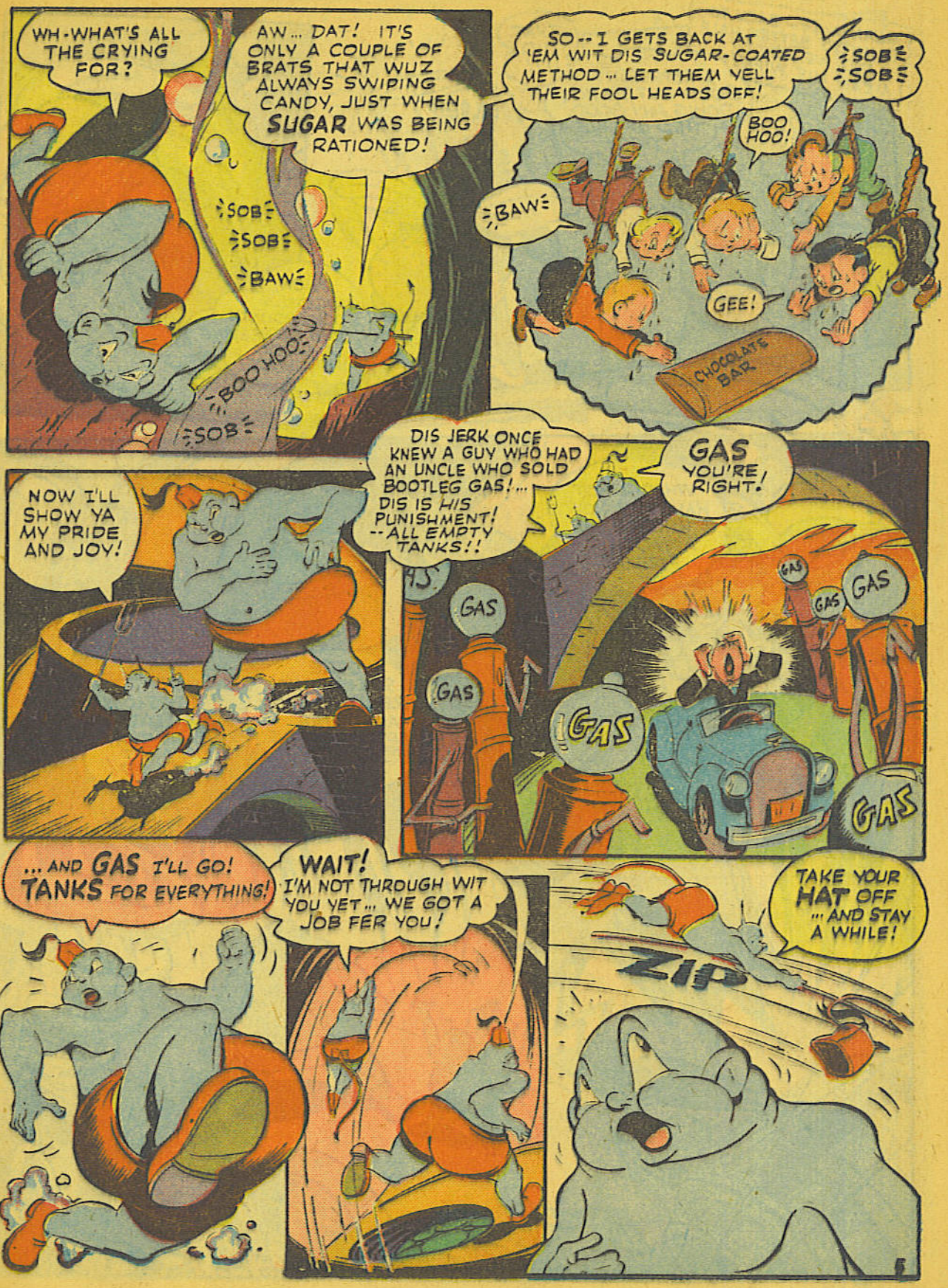

Big Top
AND LUKE'S LETTER SAYS ..."AND I OWE THIS WONDERFUL, HAPPY MARRIAGE ALL TO YOU, BUTCH, BECAUSE---"
it was you who introduced me to my wife! You're such a fine picker, you ought to go in business and help other guys get mates...
SAY! I THINK LUKE'S GOT SOMETHING THERE!
I CAN START A NICE LITTLE BUSINESS RIGHT HERE ON THE LOT!
MALE MATRIMONIAL BUREAU... A BRIDE FOR EVERY BACHELOR! RATES REASONABLE!
NOW, NOTHIN' TO DO BUT WAIT HERE FOR CUSTOMERS!
WE'D LIKE TO LOOK AT SOME HUSBANDS!
RICH, HAN'SOME AND 4 F...
SIT RIGHT DOWN, GIRLS... I'M SURE SOME FINE PROSPECTS WILL BE RIGHT ALONG!
HERE THEY ARE NOW, BUTCH!
GOOOOO! GIMME WIFE!
WE WANTS SPOUSES!
PURTY ONES!
BRING OUT THE BRIDE, BUTCH!
MAKE IT TWO!
ER--EH--LADIES!
WHAT??.. THEM?!!
THOSE THINGS?
WHY--YOU..!
THERE! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
MALE MATRIMONIAL BUREAU
A BRIDE FOR EVERY BACHELOR!
RATES ~~REASONABLE!~~
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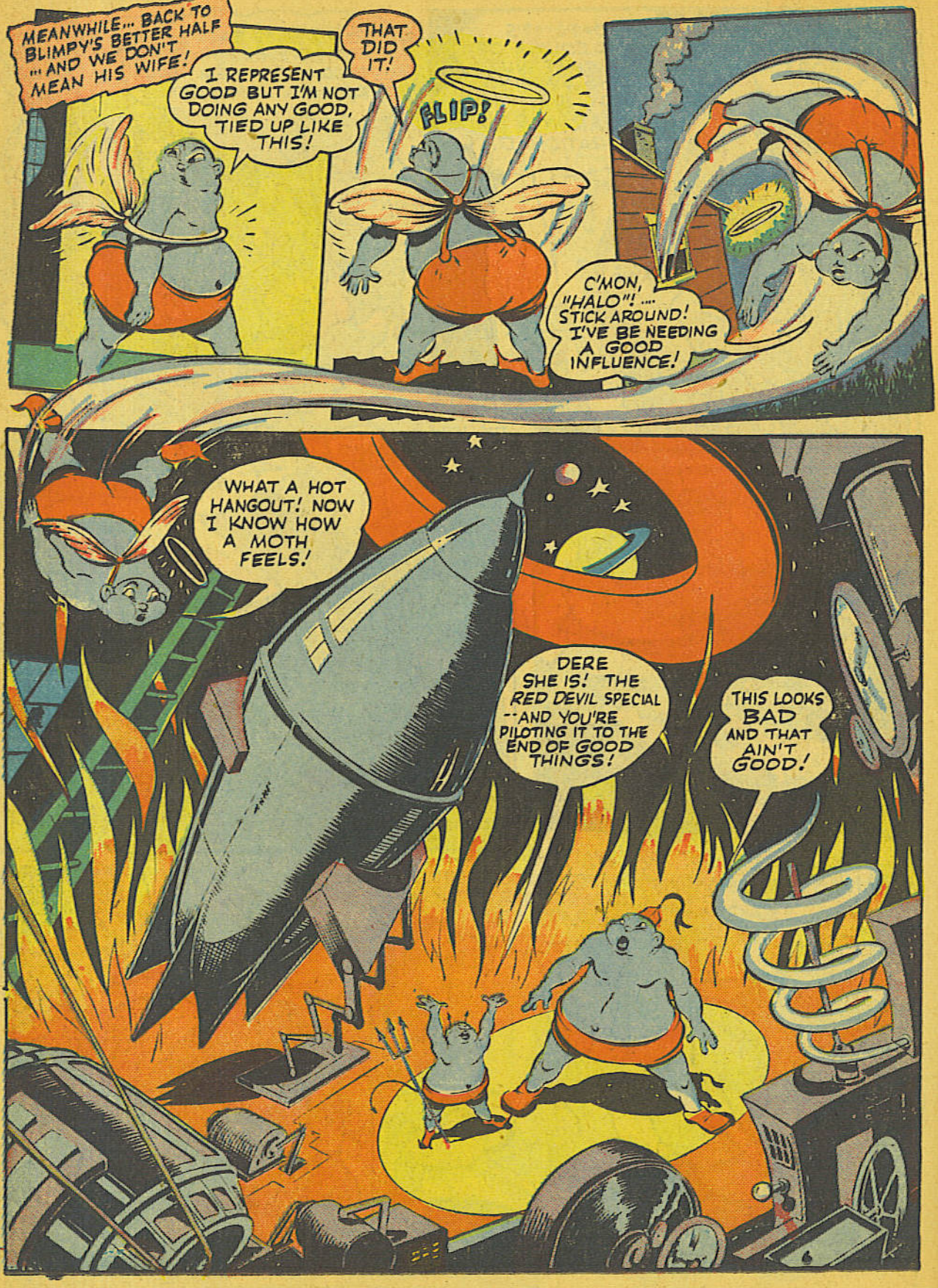

BLIMPY
The BUNGLING BUDDHA
by AL STAHL
JUST IN CASE THERE ARE NEW READERS AMONG YOU.. LET US EXPLAIN THAT BLIMPY HAS THAT HIDDEN QUALITY OF GETTING HIMSELF INTO THE CRAZIEST KIND OF SITUATIONS... HE'S JUST A BUNGLING BUDDHA... NOW, PROCEED..
AW! DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT, FOLKS! WHAT'S CRAZY ABOUT DOING A LITTLE HOUSECLEANING?
IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY! THAT IS... IN THE BEST HOMES!
AS A MATTER OF FACT... A LITTLE RADIO MUSIC TO MOP UP WITH IS JUST WHAT I NEED!
AH!

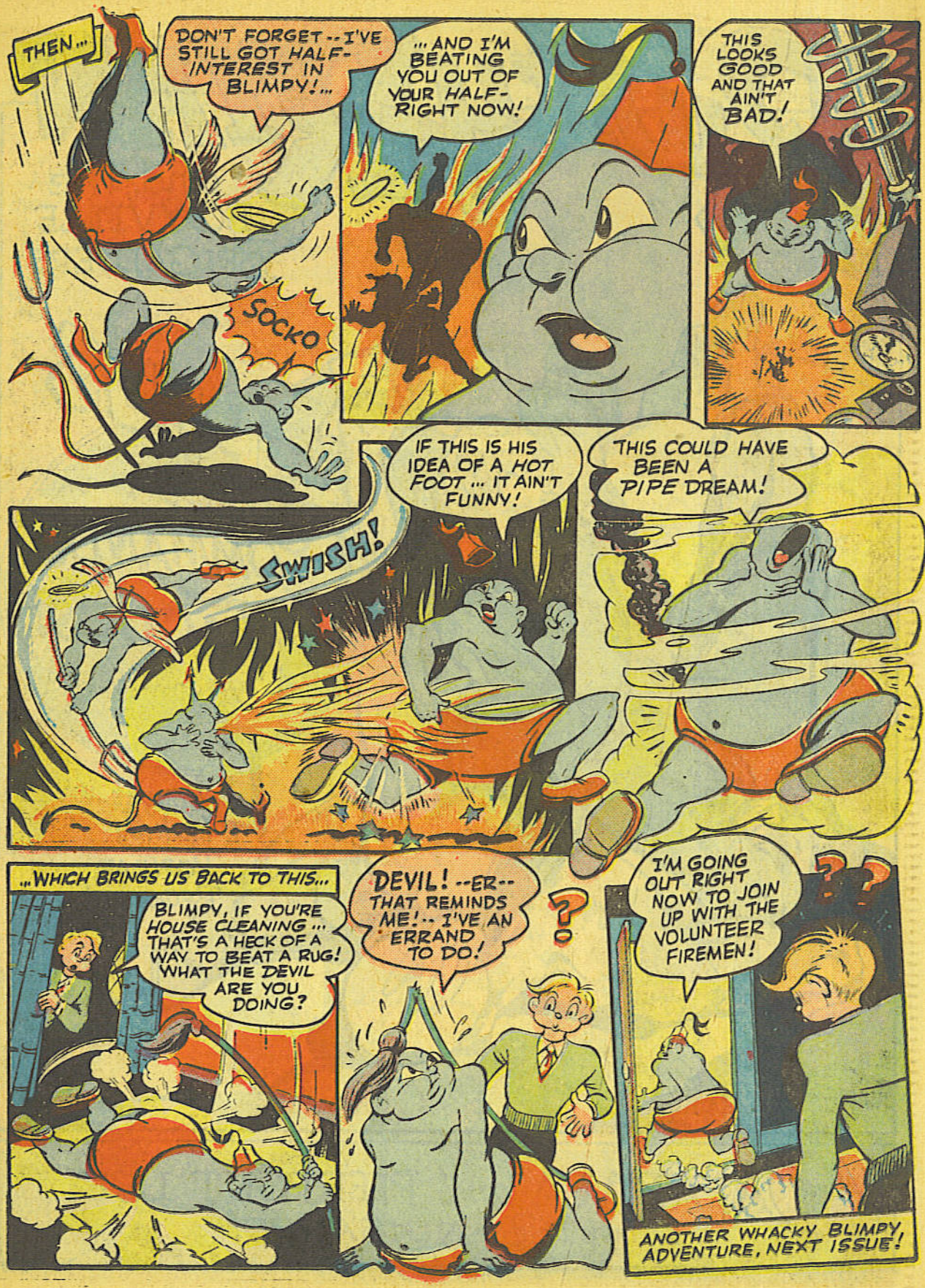

IT MUST BE THE JITTERBUG IN MY SOUL!
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM ONE MOMENT... FRIENDS, DO YOU HAVE A DUAL PERSONALITY... ARE YOU A DR. JEKYLL OR MR. HYDE ?? ARE YOU GOOD OR BAD!
OH-OH! MORE RADIO ADVERTISING!
COME TO THINK OF IT... WELL--ER-- I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT! GOSH!
WELL! IT'S ABOUT TIME!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD BUDDHA... WELL... ALMOST ALWAYS!...
BUT... GEE! ... I GUESS I'VE BEEN A BAD BOY AT TIMES, TOO! ... BUT, HONEST, I DIDN'T MEAN TO... ... HONEST!
THERE! YOU ADMIT IT!
GULP
GOOD
BAD
GOOD
?
I THINK SO!
BAD!
BAD!
!
?
COULD BE!
NOW... LET'S MEET TWO OF BLIMPY'S UNSEEN BUDDIES... HIS DEVIL AND HIS ANGEL!
DERE'S DA GUY NOW!... FALLIN' FER DAT BALONEY ABOUT HIS GOOD SELF!
TSK-TSK! POOR BOY!
AS BLIMPY'S DEVIL... IT'S MY TOIN TA GET HIM TODAY! ... YOU HAD HIM LAST WEEK!
NO-NO-NO! BLIMPY NEEDS ME -- HIS ANGEL!
HOW CAN I EVER MAKE A GOOD BUDDHA OUT OF HIM -- WHEN YOU KEEP POPPING UP EVERY DAY!!??
YEAH?... WELL, DIS IS ONE TIME HE'S MINE!


GULP Y-YOU FELLOWS LOOK LIKE B-BLIMPY!... SAY... THAT'S ME!... WHAT'S THE BIG ARGUMENT?
NOSEY GUY, AIN'T YA? WELL... IF YA MUST KNOW... YA DOPE...
I'M YOUR LITTLE ANGEL! YOU'RE GOOD SELF!
HEY!
...AND I'M THE DEVIL THAT'S IN YA!
PSST... DON'T FALL FOR HIS LINE, BLIMPY! THAT GUY CAN GET YOU INTO ONE BIG MESS! LOOK OUT!
SO
I'LL FIX THE LITTLE ANGEL!
AT LAST... I'VE FOUND GOOD USE FOR YOUR HALO!
HIT THE ROAD, BLIMPY!! ... WE'RE OFF TO PAINT THE TOWN RED!!... TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS... SO LET'S START LOOKIN' FER CUSTOMERS!
GOSH! THERE HE GOES.. I NEVER HAVE ANY FUN!


DEVIL'S HANGOUT! — TROUBLE GALORE FOR THE ASKING!
DIS IS THE JERNT! YOU'RE ALWAYS ASSURED OF A WARM WELCOME AND A HOT TIME!
FIRST... TRY ONE OF MY SUPER ASBESTOS CORONAS! JUST THE SMOKE TO PUT YOU IN A SIZZLING FRAME OF MIND!
DON'T MIND IF I DO!
HMMM! AS BESTOS SMOKE I EVER HAD!
AS THE INNKEEPER OF HADES (MY ABODE HAS ALWAYS BEEN QUESTIONED)... PERMIT ME TO SHOW YOU SOME OF OUR MOST UP-TO-DATE METHODS!
AT PRESENT, WE ARE INTERESTED IN CURRENT TOPICS, SUCH AS BLACK MARKETS, RATIONING, AND SUCH IMPISH RUBBISH!
GOSH!
COUPON 17
TAKE RATIONING, FOR EXAMPLE... DIS POOR GUY IS TRYING TO GET THAT NUMBER 17 SHOE COUPON!
...AND HE'S WEARING OUT HIS LAST PAIR OF SHOES DOIN' IT!
WELL..ER..GULP! WE GOTTA GET HIM DOWN!
COUPON 17
NAW... DAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO GUYS WHAT BUYS ILLEGAL SHOES!


WH-WHAT'S ALL THE CRYING FOR?
AW... DAT! IT'S ONLY A COUPLE OF BRATS THAT WUZ ALWAYS SWIPING CANDY, JUST WHEN SUGAR WAS BEING RATIONED!
SOB
SOB
BAW
BOO HOO
SOB
SO -- I GETS BACK AT 'EM WIT DIS SUGAR-COATED METHOD ... LET THEM YELL THEIR FOOL HEADS OFF!
SOB
SOB
BOO HOO!
BAW
GEE!
CHOCOLATE BAR
NOW I'LL SHOW YA MY PRIDE AND JOY!
DIS JERK ONCE KNEW A GUY WHO HAD AN UNCLE WHO SOLD BOOTLEG GAS!... DIS IS HIS PUNISHMENT! --ALL EMPTY TANKS!!
GAS YOU'RE RIGHT.
GAS
GAS
GAS
GAS
GAS
GAS
... AND GAS I'LL GO! TANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
WAIT! I'M NOT THROUGH WIT YOU YET... WE GOT A JOB FER YOU!
TAKE YOUR HAT OFF ... AND STAY A WHILE!
ZIP

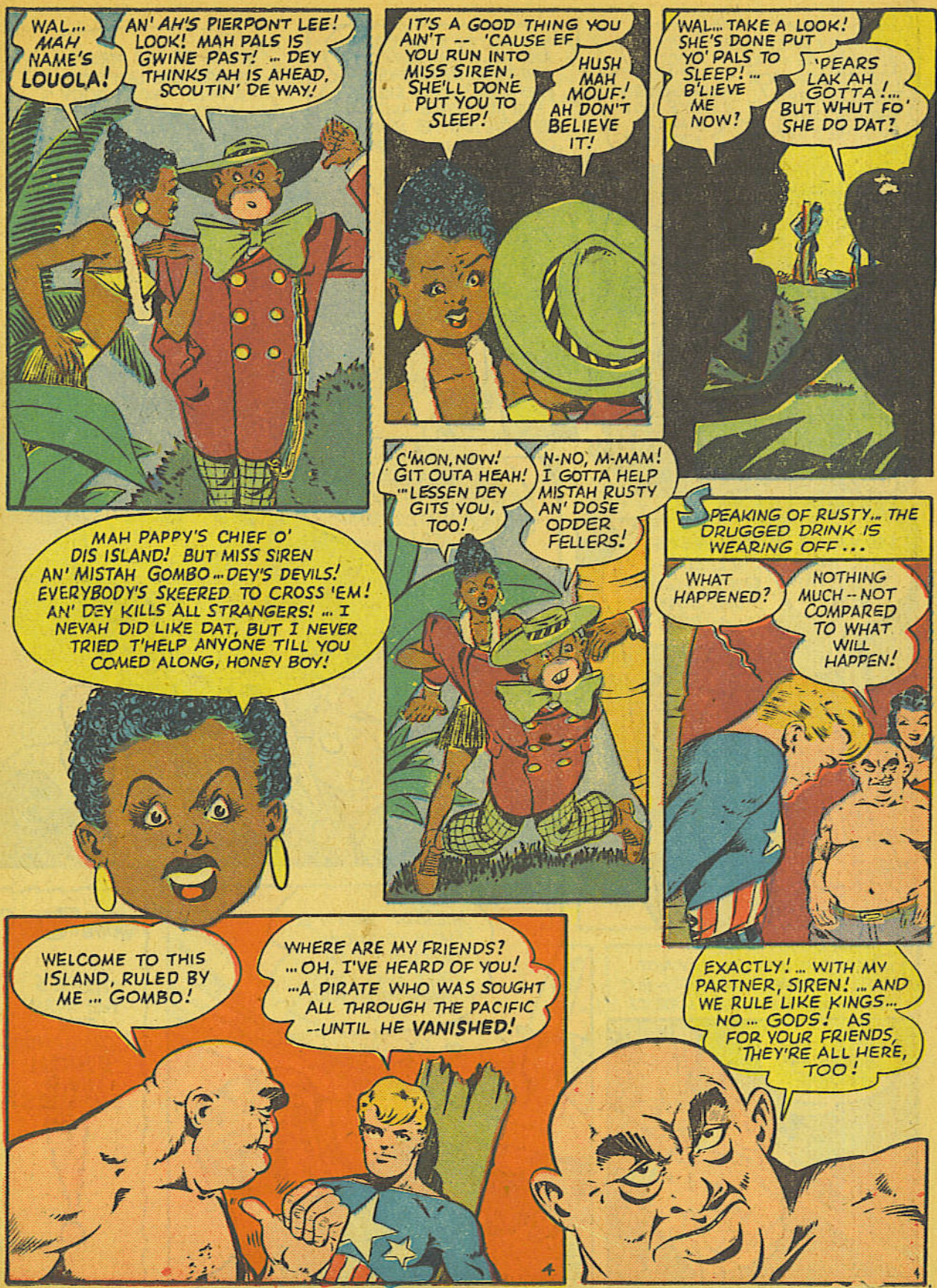

MEANWHILE... BACK TO BLIMPY'S BETTER HALF ... AND WE DON'T MEAN HIS WIFE!
I REPRESENT GOOD BUT I'M NOT DOING ANY GOOD, TIED UP LIKE THIS!
THAT DID IT!
FLIP!
C'MON, "HALO"! STICK AROUND! I'VE BE NEEDING A GOOD INFLUENCE!
WHAT A HOT HANGOUT! NOW I KNOW HOW A MOTH FEELS!
DERE SHE IS! THE RED DEVIL SPECIAL --AND YOU'RE PILOTING IT TO THE END OF GOOD THINGS!
THIS LOOKS BAD AND THAT AIN'T GOOD!

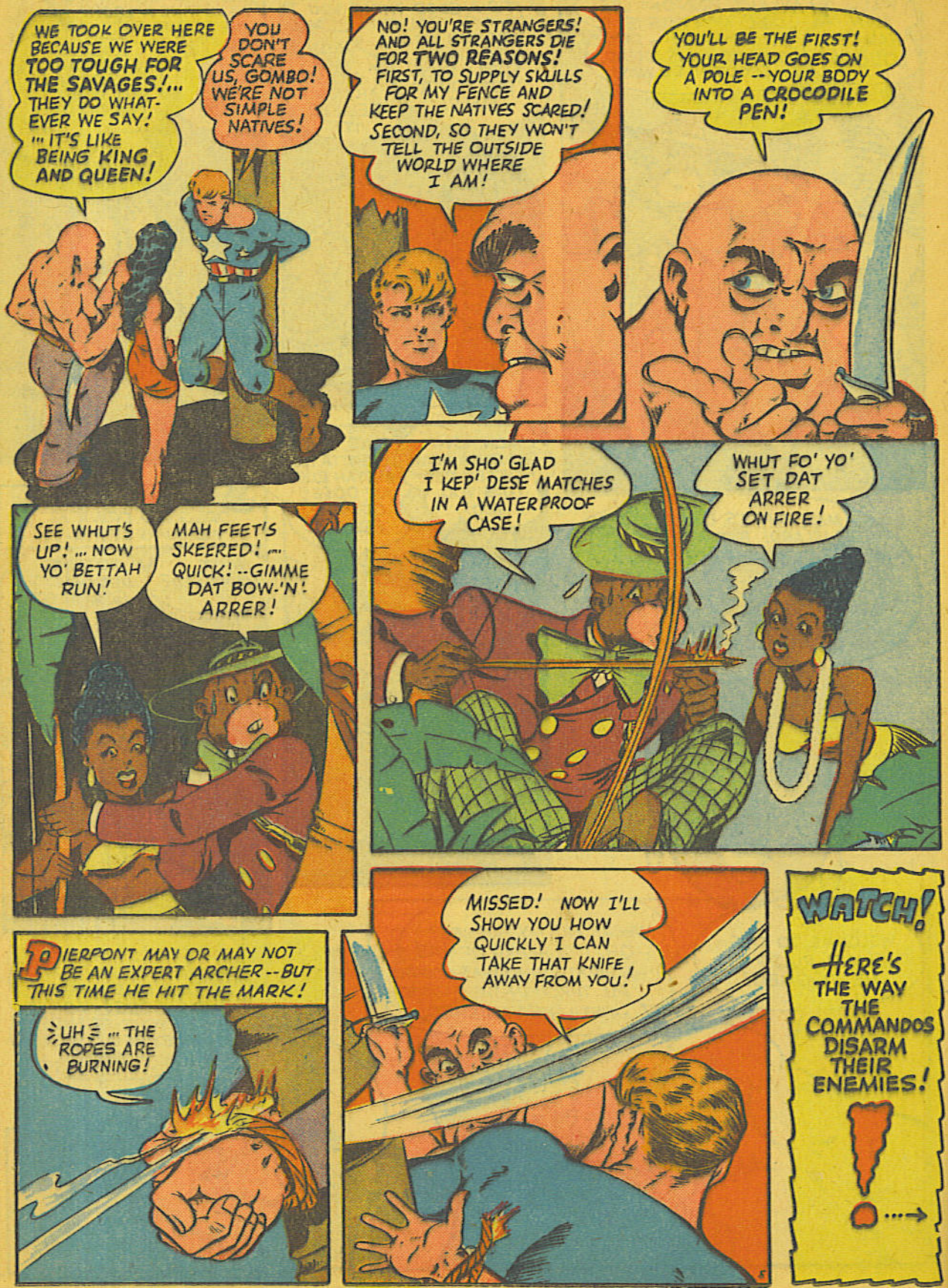

THEN...
DON'T FORGET -- I'VE STILL GOT HALF-INTEREST IN BLIMPY!...
SOCKO
...AND I'M BEATING YOU OUT OF YOUR HALF-RIGHT NOW!
THIS LOOKS GOOD AND THAT AIN'T BAD!
IF THIS IS HIS IDEA OF A HOT FOOT ... IT AIN'T FUNNY!
SWISH!
THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A PIPE DREAM!
...WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO THIS...
BLIMPY, IF YOU'RE HOUSE CLEANING ... THAT'S A HECK OF A WAY TO BEAT A RUG! WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU DOING?
DEVIL! --ER-- THAT REMINDS ME!.. I'VE AN ERRAND TO DO!
?
I'M GOING OUT RIGHT NOW TO JOIN UP WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN!
ANOTHER WHACKY BLIMPY ADVENTURE, NEXT ISSUE!


Rusty RYAN
and The
BOYVILLE
BRIGADIERS
PLUS
COMMANDO
TACTICS!
Brought
back by
POPULAR
REQUEST!
And
ALABABA and PIERPONT LEE
... thrown in for NUISANCE!


Rusty and The BRIGADIERS are sailing along in the South Pacific looking for JAPS... and "Nosey" (that's Pierpont Lee) decided to get nosey.. er--not about finding Japs --as you'll soon see!
MISTAH RUSTY... WHAT'S THIS LIL' OL' PLUG IN TH' BOTTOM O' THIS HEAH BOAT? ---BLUB!
HEY!... PIERPONT! THAT'S A PLUG TO LET WATER OUT OF THE BOAT... WHEN IT'S ON SHORE!
WHEW! THANK GOODNESS! THERE'S AN ISLAND WITHIN SWIMMING DISTANCE!
But... TIME GOES BY... AND ALABABA DOES NOT RETURN!
MUSIC!... BUT WHERE? AND WHY? ... I'LL GO AHEAD AND SCOUT..
AH, NO, RUSTY! ... STAY HERE AS COMMANDER! I VOLUNTEER TO SCOUT AHEAD!
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
MY BOY... THERE'S NOTHING I DON'T KNOW!
A WOMAN'S VOICE! ... SINGING!... AND A LOVELY VOICE, AT THAT! HMMMMMM-
HE MAY BE IN TROUBLE! I'LL SCOUT AFTER HIM! ... YOU OTHERS WAIT...
OKAY, RUSTY!
THAT MUSIC AGAIN! ... JUST AHEAD!
A WOMAN!
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME, YOUNG STRANGER?
I--I WAS LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND ALABABA!
INSTEAD OF WHICH YOU FIND ME! ... DISAPPOINTED?

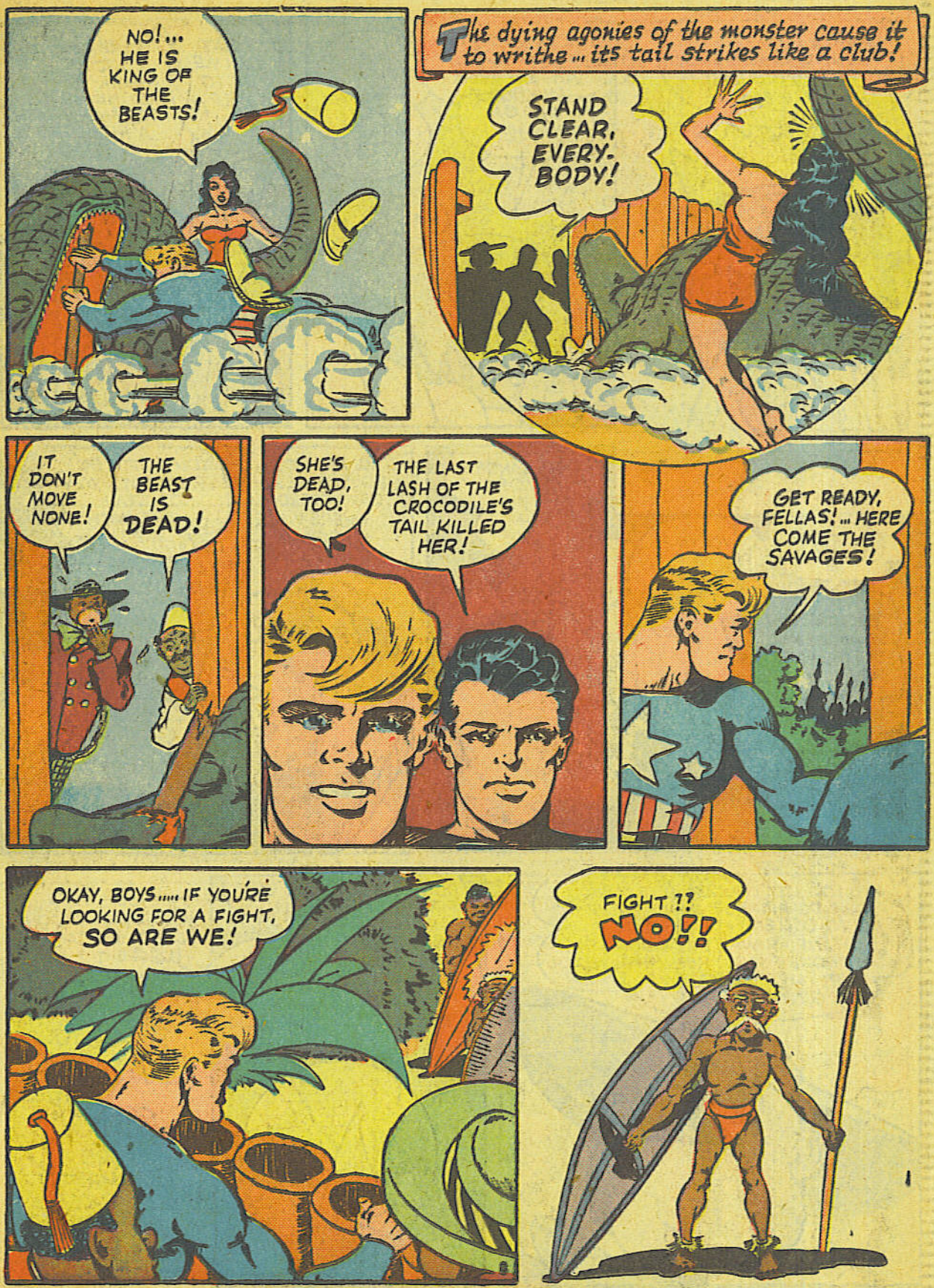

YOU MUST BE HUNGRY--AND THIRSTY!... COME, REFRESH YOURSELF!
THANKS!.. AND THEN I'LL CALL MY FRIENDS!
AND... AFTER RUSTY DRINKS...
YOU LOOK STRANGE... ALL OF A SUDDEN.. SORT OF BLURRED!
OF COURSE! WHY NOT? THAT CUP WAS DRUGGED! .. YOU'RE GOING TO SLEEP... FALLING HELPLESS TO THE GROUND.. YES, HELPLESS.....
NOW RUSTY'S GONE! ALABABA, TOO!
LET'S SEND ONE MORE SCOUT--AND WE'LL FOLLOW CLOSE BEHIND!
GOOD IDEA! ... WE'LL SEND HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE'LL SEND HIM!
DAT'S RIGHT! WE'LL SEND HIM!.... HUH? NOBUDDY HERE!
THAT'S RIGHT, PIERPONT! GO AHEAD!.. WE'RE BEHIND YOU!
YES ... I KNOW-- BUT HOW FAR BEHIND?
I DID HEAH MISTAH RUSTY SAY SUMPIN' ABOUT A WOMAN!... DAT'S BAAAAAD! A WOMAN'S A TWO-FACED, WORRYSOME THING!
HOW COME YOU SEZ DAT ABOUT WOMEN, SUH?
W-W-WHY... MY MAMMY DONE TOLE ME!
AN' YOU IS RIGHT, IN MOS' CASES! ... LOOKIT! .. I IS A LADY'S MAID ... KEEPS HOUSE FO' DE LADY WHUT LURED YO' FRIENDS! ... SHE IS NAMED MISS SIREN
AH DON'T LIKE DE NAME! ... "SIREN" MIGHT MEAN AIR RAID .. OR POHLICE -- OR SUMPIN'!

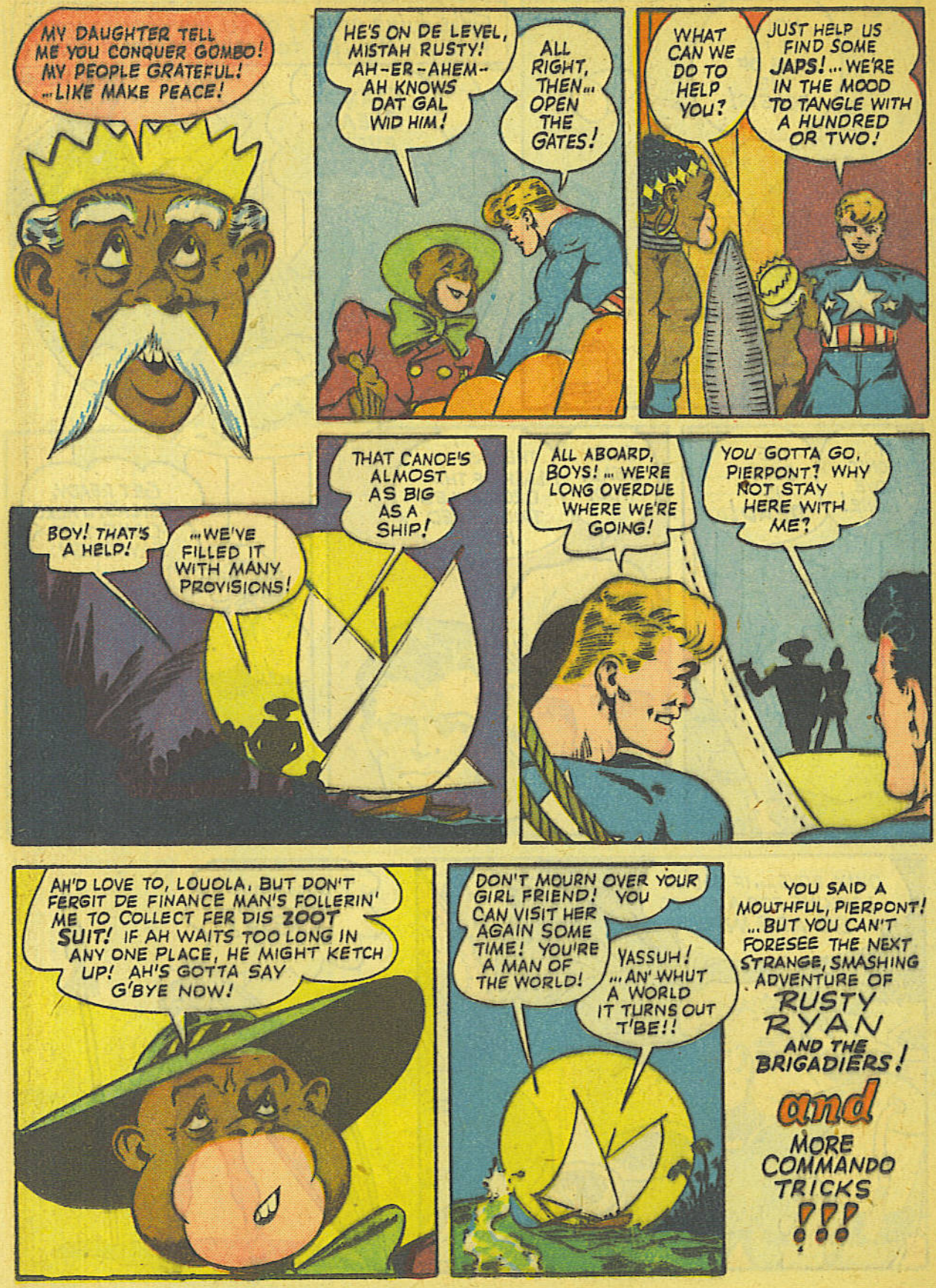

WAL... MAH NAME'S LOUOLA!
AN' AH'S PIERPONT LEE! LOOK! MAH PALS IS GWINE PAST! ... DEY THINKS AH IS AHEAD, SCOUTIN' DE WAY!
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU AIN'T -- 'CAUSE EF YOU RUN INTO MISS SIREN, SHE'LL DONE PUT YOU TO SLEEP!
HUSH MAH MOUF! AH DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WAL... TAKE A LOOK! SHE'S DONE PUT YO' PALS TO SLEEP! ... B'LIEVE ME NOW?
'PEARS LAK AH GOTTA!... BUT WHUT FO' SHE DO DAT?
MAH PAPPY'S CHIEF O' DIS ISLAND! BUT MISS SIREN AN' MISTAH GOMBO... DEY'S DEVILS! EVERYBODY'S SKEERED TO CROSS 'EM! AN' DEY KILLS ALL STRANGERS! ... I NEVAH DID LIKE DAT, BUT I NEVER TRIED T'HELP ANYONE TILL YOU COMED ALONG, HONEY BOY!
C'MON, NOW! GIT OUTA HEAH! 'LESSEN DEY GITS YOU, TOO!
N-NO, M-MAM! I GOTTA HELP MISTAH RUSTY AN' DOSE ODDER FELLERS!
SPEAKING OF RUSTY... THE DRUGGED DRINK IS WEARING OFF...
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOTHING MUCH -- NOT COMPARED TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN!
WELCOME TO THIS ISLAND, RULED BY ME ... GOMBO!
WHERE ARE MY FRIENDS? ...OH, I'VE HEARD OF YOU! ...A PIRATE WHO WAS SOUGHT ALL THROUGH THE PACIFIC --UNTIL HE VANISHED!
EXACTLY!... WITH MY PARTNER, SIREN! ... AND WE RULE LIKE KINGS... NO... GODS! AS FOR YOUR FRIENDS, THEY'RE ALL HERE, TOO!
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WE TOOK OVER HERE BECAUSE WE WERE TOO TOUGH FOR THE SAVAGES!... THEY DO WHATEVER WE SAY! ... IT'S LIKE BEING KING AND QUEEN!
YOU DON'T SCARE US, GOMBO! WE'RE NOT SIMPLE NATIVES!
NO! YOU'RE STRANGERS! AND ALL STRANGERS DIE FOR TWO REASONS! FIRST, TO SUPPLY SKULLS FOR MY FENCE AND KEEP THE NATIVES SCARED! SECOND, SO THEY WON'T TELL THE OUTSIDE WORLD WHERE I AM!
YOU'LL BE THE FIRST! YOUR HEAD GOES ON A POLE -- YOUR BODY INTO A CROCODILE PEN!
SEE WHUT'S UP! ... NOW YO' BETTAH RUN!
MAH FEET'S SKEERED! ... QUICK! --GIMME DAT BOW-'N'-ARRER!
I'M SHO' GLAD I KEP' DESE MATCHES IN A WATERPROOF CASE!
WHUT FO' YO' SET DAT ARRER ON FIRE!
PIERPONT MAY OR MAY NOT BE AN EXPERT ARCHER -- BUT THIS TIME HE HIT THE MARK!
UH ... THE ROPES ARE BURNING!
MISSED! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU HOW QUICKLY I CAN TAKE THAT KNIFE AWAY FROM YOU!
WATCH! HERE'S THE WAY THE COMMANDOS DISARM THEIR ENEMIES!


FIRST, I GRAB YOUR WRIST WITH MY RIGHT HAND...
--THEN CLAMP IT WITH MY LEFT, LIKE THIS...
--AND STRAIGHTEN MY LEFT ARM!
AND-- IF YOU DON'T DROP THE KNIFE, I'LL BREAK YOUR ARM!
TAKE THE KNIFE AND CUT THE BOYS LOOSE, PIERPONT! ... NOW GOMBO AND I ARE ON EQUAL TERMS!
Y-YEOWSAH!
OOF!
THIS ISN'T COMMANDO STUFF! IT'S JUST PLAIN AMERICAN BOXING! ... I LEARNED IT BACK AT BOYVILLE!
YOU CAN LEARN THAT ONE FROM ANY MOVIE OF JOE LOUIS!
HOLY CATS!! ... HE'S FALLING INTO THE CROCODILE PEN!
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DEY'S ALL FREE NOW, MISTAH RUSTY!
YOU PUT AN END TO GOMBO! BUT YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE SORT WHO WOULD STRIKE A WOMAN!
IN YOUR CASE, I'VE AN AWFUL ITCHING TO!... NOW, SCRAM!
PERHAPS I SHOULD THANK YOU FOR THAT... BUT YOU WON'T THANK ME.....
BECAUSE THIS DRUM SUMMONS THE SAVAGES!.. YOU'LL ALL BE KILLED!
HEAR DRUM SPEAK!
FATHER!
CALL THE MEN!
BAR THOSE GATES! WE'LL DEFEND OURSELVES IN HERE!
SHUTTING YOURSELVES IN, ARE YOU? ... PERHAPS THIS WILL OCCUPY YOUR MIND!
R-R-R-RRRUSTY...
HELP!
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NO!... HE IS KING OF THE BEASTS!
The dying agonies of the monster cause it to writhe... its tail strikes like a club!
STAND CLEAR, EVERY-BODY!
IT DON'T MOVE NONE!
THE BEAST IS DEAD!
SHE'S DEAD, TOO!
THE LAST LASH OF THE CROCODILE'S TAIL KILLED HER!
GET READY, FELLAS!... HERE COME THE SAVAGES!
OKAY, BOYS..... IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, SO ARE WE!
FIGHT ?? NO!!


MY DAUGHTER TELL ME YOU CONQUER GOMBO! MY PEOPLE GRATEFUL! ...LIKE MAKE PEACE!
HE'S ON DE LEVEL, MISTAH RUSTY! AH-ER-AHEM-- AH KNOWS DAT GAL WID HIM!
ALL RIGHT, THEN... OPEN THE GATES!
WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP YOU?
JUST HELP US FIND SOME JAPS!... WE'RE IN THE MOOD TO TANGLE WITH A HUNDRED OR TWO!
BOY! THAT'S A HELP!
...WE'VE FILLED IT WITH MANY PROVISIONS!
THAT CANOE'S ALMOST AS BIG AS A SHIP!
ALL ABOARD, BOYS! ... WE'RE LONG OVERDUE WHERE WE'RE GOING!
YOU GOTTA GO, PIERPONT? WHY NOT STAY HERE WITH ME?
AH'D LOVE TO, LOUOLA, BUT DON'T FERGIT DE FINANCE MAN'S FOLLERIN' ME TO COLLECT FER DIS ZOOT SUIT! IF AH WAITS TOO LONG IN ANY ONE PLACE, HE MIGHT KETCH UP! AH'S GOTTA SAY G'BYE NOW!
DON'T MOURN OVER YOUR GIRL FRIEND! YOU CAN VISIT HER AGAIN SOME TIME! YOU'RE A MAN OF THE WORLD!
YASSUH! ...AN' WHUT A WORLD IT TURNS OUT T'BE!!
YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, PIERPONT! ...BUT YOU CAN'T FORESEE THE NEXT STRANGE, SMASHING ADVENTURE OF RUSTY RYAN AND THE BRIGADIERS!
and MORE COMMANDO TRICKS !!!